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† The Apportionment for 1918-19 †

The Apportionment Committee met in Chicago Tuesday, April 30. Dr. M. W. Twing was re-elected President and Rev. B. E. Allen re-elected Secretary. The apportionments assigned to Illinois are as follows:

Joint Foreign Missions.....	\$68,900
Joint Home Missions.....	44,650
American Baptist Publication Society	8,850
Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Fund	7,070
Education Board of Northern Baptist Convention	7,160
Illinois Baptist State Convention	25,000
Christian Education in Illinois Charitable institutions: Central Children's Home, Maywood, Hudelson Orphanage, Irvington, and Old People's Home, \$5,000 each.....	15,000
Total	\$181,630

This is an increase over last year's apportionment of about twenty-eight percent, but not much increase over the actual giving of last year. Also it should be remembered that the committee had not for the past two years apportioned the fifteen percent increase in the Five Year Program, so that the

increase this year is just about equal to the regular fifteen percent yearly increase as the Five Year Program had provided. And again it should be remembered that we are living in such times as the world has never seen before. This is the time of a great world war. In the war we are trying to save the best elements of our civilization. Conditions are such that we have to secure this increase to hold our own in missionary and educational work and make but very meager advancement. However the war may go, if the Gospel and its message does not push ahead and make itself felt in these trying times, we have failed in saving the best things in the world. This is a great time for making money, and should be a time for economizing, but not a time for Christians to save money. All our savings should be put into the work of saving the world now. Illinois has been apportioned very fairly with the other states. New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Ohio are all asked for larger sums than Illinois. We believe that Illinois Baptists will make a heroic effort to raise this money. Our splendid soldier boys are giving all their time and risking their lives for the saving of our

liberty and civilization. Cannot Christian people afford to give all their time during the war and a year or two after in trying to save the world. Let this year be the greatest year in the history of the denomination in the state for raising mission money. Many Baptist people have more property than they will need. Let them use some of their surplus this year for missions.

BAPTIST WEEKLY PAPERS

Baptist weeklies are becoming not so numerous in the northern states as formerly. In about thirty states we have only four papers aside from four small state papers, and perhaps three of them are aided by the State Convention. The three great papers east of the Pacific states are the *Standard*, of Chicago, the *Journal and Messenger* of Cincinnati and the *Watchman-Examiner* of New York. These papers circulate largely in West Virginia, Indiana and Iowa where there are state papers. One of the most encouraging features of Baptist progress is the strong stand these papers are taking on fundamental Baptist principles. The *Standard* in its April 6th issue, has an editorial on "Baptist Bolsheviki." The editor deals most positively, and exposes with much vigor some Baptist preachers who think that there will be no Baptist denomination after the war, and in its issue of April 13th, the *Standard* in its editorial on "Denominational Day," gives some strong and sane Baptist suggestions. He says, "These are days in which there is a great deal of idle and ill considered talk about the passing of denominationalism. If we believed that the Baptist denomination no longer had a distinctive message and a distinctive

task, we should not want for anyone to show us the door. We should walk out ourselves." The *Watchman Examiner* with Curtis Lee Laws as editor in chief, is a paper that is very strong in defending Baptist positions. Within the last few months it has written much on the question of open membership, and every editorial has the true Baptist ring. We have quoted in this issue of the *Bulletin*, an article from the *Watchman Examiner* on the "Resurrection." We believe that 10,000 people in Illinois ought to take and read the *Bulletin* at the small cost of twenty-five cents per year, a single copy or fifteen cents at club rates, yet we think every Baptist family ought to have a weekly Baptist paper at \$2.50 per year. Some single articles in our Baptist weeklies are worth the whole price of the paper for a year.

Dr. G. W. Lasher, editor of the *Journal and Messenger*, is perhaps the oldest Baptist editor in America, and still does much work on the paper. Dr. Osborne is associated with him. These two men stand for the teachings of the New Testament clear and strong. While our great denominational papers stand squarely and strongly for the New Testament teaching, there is great hope and encouragement for our denomination in the immediate future.

"I traveled over one thousand miles in the war zone and never once saw a drunken French soldier. I might, or might not, have discovered one or two in the French cafes if I had searched them during evenings, but though I passed through scores of towns and villages all signs of intoxication were hidden from sight, if these existed. I believe, however, that France is showing the right spirit in this respect during her long fight with Germany."—*Baptist Times and Freeman*, London.

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AT least one hundred readers of the Bulletin should make an effort to get new subscribers this May. This many could easily secure from one to fifty subscribers.

DO not wait for your pastor to speak about it, but ask members of your church if they take the Bulletin, and urge it upon everyone who does not.

FOR nearly a month and a half, or from the 21st of March, the greatest battle in the history of the world has been fought and it seems to continue, at this writing, as vigorously as ever. The English and French have been giving way before the great armies of the German, Austrian and Turkish Empires. They could draw nearly all their armies from the East and expected to crush the English, French and Belgian armies before the Americans got over in great numbers, but they have failed to do it, although they have sacrificed men by the tens of thousands.

THE American troops were and are in some of the important sectors, and are proving themselves to be equal to any of the fighting men; we may possibly have now 700,000 or 800,000 men on French territory and the government is sending possibly 100,000 a month to France.

WHEN this country gets 1,500,000 or 2,000,000 men in France with all the resources of the United States back of them, and with 3,000,000 more who can easily be drilled and sent, it will turn the tide rapidly in favor of the democratic nations; and when the victory is won by the allies. Finland, Poland, Roumania and Russia should be established as separate self-governing nations and should not be allowed to be dominated by Germany.

THE Baptists of Illinois are giving up some of our best workers for the Army Chaplains and Y. M. C. A. work. Rev. E. K. Masterson notified his church May 1, that he was likely to go to France in Y. M. C. A. work quite soon. Mr. Masterson has been the successful pastor at Normal for four years. He is the secretary of the State Convention, a member of the Board and of the Executive Committee. He is employed by the citizens of Normal to train the Boy Scouts one night each week at \$300 per year. He is a trustee of the public schools and secretary of the Liberty Loan movement for the township. He will be greatly missed if he should go.

AFEW days ago, some Laymen in Chicago met to discuss the deficit in Illinois on the Million Dollar Movement. They raised at that time \$5,100, which brings the deficit of the entire state to less than \$3,000. Possibly that has been pledged by this time. If anyone who reads this and is able to do something and has not done anything, and wants to be in on this Million Dollar Drive, let him send fifty dollars or \$100 or \$500 to Edgar L. Killam, 223 W. Jackson Blvd.

THE MINISTRY

Dr. E. T. Tomlinson, secretary of the M. & M. Benefit Fund, has been making a careful study of the Baptist Ministry in the Northern Baptist Convention. One interesting item in one of his articles is the number of ordained ministers in each of the thirty-four states of the Northern Baptist Convention. Missouri has the largest number, 1,173, and Illinois comes next with 1,144, only twenty-nine less than Missouri, and New York is third, with 1,043. Illinois has 375 ordained ministers not in the pastorate, and Missouri has 224, and New York 231. Illinois seems to have a larger number of unemployed ministers, or rather ministers not in the pastorate than any other state. Perhaps no state has been so careless in ordaining unqualified men as the Baptists of Illinois. We heard it reported that a few year ago the Presbyterians refused to ordain a man because he was not educated, he came to the Baptists and was ordained and after being a practical failure in some Baptist pastorates he went to another denomination. It was reported recently that one of our Baptist pastors applied for membership in the Presbyterian body as a minister and was refused because of his limited education. Education should not be made the only standard, but it should be made one of the standards for ordination.

Illinois Baptists have taken quite an interest in the spiritual and moral welfare of our boys who have enlisted or been drafted into the United States service. The following pastors have spent from eight to twelve weeks in some one of the encampments: Rev. J. M. Stifler, pastor of the Evanston

Church; Rev. Francis C. Stifler, pastor of the Wilmette Church; Rev. C. W. Gilkey, pastor of the Hyde Park Church, Chicago; Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor First Church of Elgin; Rev. J. B. Thomas, pastor Austin Church, Chicago; Rev. S. J. Skevington, pastor Belden Ave. Church, Chicago; Rev. Ralph M. Barry, pastor Freeport Church; Rev. Walter I. Fowle, pastor at Galesburg; Rev. A. B. Mercer, pastor at Kankakee, and Rev. J. C. Hazen, pastor First Church in Peoria. Rev. W. E. Mundell has resigned the pastorate of his church at Carrollton to take up Y. M. C. A. work in the south. Rev. L. J. Velte, pastor of the West Pullman Church, has gone into Y. M. C. A. work. Rev. L. E. Riley, pastor at Tremont goes into Y. M. C. A. work near Waukegan. Rev. F. J. Beckwith, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Chicago, has resigned to take up some kind of work among the soldiers. There may be some others whom we do not recall at this time. These men all report a good time with the soldier boys and they doubtless did good work. Their churches generously authorized them to take time for this work in the military encampments.

CHURCHES

The Marengo Church, of which Rev. H. B. Stevens has been pastor for about one and one-half years, has made very good progress. The church raised its entire missionary budget with fifteen per cent increase. It was asked for three hundred dollars on the Million Dollar Movement and raised \$434. Rev. George H. Yule and wife assisted in special meetings in March. Their services were very highly appreciated

and on the Sunday following the services the pastor baptized fifteen at the evening service. Ten of these were from the neighborhood, five and one-half miles north, where the pastor has been holding services in the school house Sunday afternoons. Pastor Stevens will assist the Anti-Saloon League during his vacation in helping to organize the state for Constitutional Prohibition.

The Hutsonville First Church, in the Palestine Association, is still pastorless. They wish to locate a pastor soon. They have raised all the indebtedness, and have a live little Sunday school. Two of their boys, Verne A. Winters and Kelly Field, are reported as being in the United States Army.

The Jerseyville Church seems to be making splendid progress. Rev. Joseph Jenkins has been pastor there for a few years. Last winter a year ago they dedicated one of the best meeting houses in the state. They built it at a very low cost, at a little less than \$40,000. We are quite sure that the same building could not be erected at this time for \$50,000. It is complete and beautiful and up-to-date in every particular of its arrangement. The building has twelve class rooms beside the primary department. Since Brother Jenkins began work on the field, 112 have been added to the church membership, without any special meetings.

The First Church of Decatur, is having marvelous success under the pastorate of Dr. T. Harley Marsh. This church was in a very discouraging condition when Dr. Marsh began his pastorate. The church raised its full apportionment and gave \$500 to the Laymen's Drive. A booster cam-

paign for prayer meeting has brought the attendance up to 276, April 17th, and it is expected to be 300 the 24th. The church has had an indebtedness of \$8,000 for quite a number of years in the past. An effort was made to raise it on Sunday morning, April 21, when \$10,275 were pledged in the morning and enough raised that night to make it \$11,000. \$3,000 will be used in repairing the building in Decatur. There is a bright outlook for this great church.

Rev. James M. Lively is having great encouragement in his work at Mattoon. A new Sunday school chapel has been completed and will be dedicated the last Sunday in May. At this writing the pastor is holding a meeting at the chapel and three have just been received into the church from that point. There were 105 in the chapel Sunday school, April 14th.

The First Church of Elgin, of which Rev. F. E. R. Miller is pastor, closed its last year with excellent reports, having raised \$15,500 for all objects, paying off a debt of \$3,500, and raising \$1,007 on the Laymen's Drive for One Million Dollars, the amount asked from that church being \$750. The Emmanuel Church in Elgin, raised almost four times as much for the Million Dollar Drive as they were apportioned.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway, pastor of the Kane Church, writes, "The work at Kane is in a splendid and harmonious condition. We have just launched a go-to-church campaign, the men against the women. This campaign is to last through April and May and at the conclusion the losers are to give a banquet to the winners. The purpose is to create an internal revival. The

campaign has opened up very auspiciously, and we are hoping that it may result in a great spiritual uplift to the church."

A member of the Bethel Church in the Salem Association writes, "Will you please mention in the next issue of the Bulletin that so far we are very much pleased with our new pastor, Rev. T. L. Roberts.

Rev. J. Brainard Brown is greatly encouraged and enthusiastic over the work at Manlius. This is a splendid country field in the Ottawa Association. Two years ago they built a very fine parsonage near the church. The church raised its entire apportionment and more than \$200 on the Million Dollar Drive.

The Barry church, in the Springfield Association, has been pastorless for nearly one year. This is a splendid church, with a good meeting house and parsonage. Its Sunday school keeps up well. They hope to locate a pastor soon.

Pittsfield is the county seat of Pike County. The Baptists have an old meeting house in good repair located on the best lot in the town. They also have a good parsonage, but have been pastorless about eight months. We hope to locate a pastor soon on that field, to give the Perry church one-fourth time. There are some good members at Pittsfield and Perry and they ought to have a regular pastor soon.

The superintendent gave Sunday morning, April 21st, to the Carrollton church, which has given up their pastor for three months for Y. M. C. A. work in the army. Dr. Mundell resigned the pastorate of that church but they refused to accept his resignation

and will hold the field open for him for three months if he can return to the work then. This is a church with a large membership and good people, and has a splendid field in the town of Carrollton, the county seat of Brown County.

Sunday night, April 24th, the superintendent spoke for the White Hall people, where J. A. Simpson of White Hall has been pastor for three years. The church and Sunday School seem to be in good condition and Brother Simpson is very highly appreciated by the church people and the people of the town.

Rev. E. N. Groce has been pastor of the Ashland Church since last August. During that time he has added twenty-five members to the church. The Sunday School is in good condition and the B. Y. P. U. has sixty members. Two hundred and twenty dollars were raised on the Laymen's Million Dollar movement.

The Waverly Church seems to be making some progress under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. J. W. Campbell. During the past winter nine have been received by baptism and four by letter.

Rev. W. E. Andereck is having good encouragement in his work at Bradford. Since the Convention met in October, he has had seven additions, six of them by baptism, and several others are expected to come soon. The church will make an effort to have full time services next year.

The Osceola Church, of which Rev. B. E. Allen has been pastor for eleven years, has raised \$115 for the Million Dollar Campaign. This makes \$800 that the church has raised for beneficence the past year. That does pretty

well for a country church ten miles from a railroad station.

Rev. J. H. Bruggink has been pastor of Forest City and Kilbourne Churches for about four months. The outlook on both fields is very encouraging. On Easter Sunday he baptized two young people at Kilbourne.

Sunday morning and afternoon, April 27th the superintendent preached for the Benton Church, in the Bloomington Association. This is a splendid little church and has recently become pastorless. They have a good parsonage and fairly good meeting house and are very anxious to locate a pastor soon. We hope they will be able to find a suitable person to take that field in the near future.

The church at Old Stonington, Ill., Rev. D. W. Rigg, pastor, has raised \$70 in the laymen's campaign and adopted the budget for the year. On Easter morning fifteen converts were baptized.

FINANCES

Every kind of church and missionary and war finance has been emphasized during the past four months, except the State Convention money. Now the Missionary Societies have all closed their books. The layman drive for \$1,000,000 is over and the third call for Liberty Loan has passed. Our State Convention books will not close until October 1st. Now is the time to emphasize State Convention work. Many individuals in the state ought to give from \$100 to \$500 for this great work. Not a dollar of the Million Dollar fund goes to the State Conventions; and we gave without charge all the time of Dr. Hafer for more than a month in raising this fund. All the societies shared in this Million

Dollar fund except the State Convention. We believe the Baptists of Illinois love their State Convention, and its strong heroic work, and we will trust them to support it, but in order not to fail, they must begin now to work and give for the State Convention. The board in its semi-annual meeting, unanimously authorized its apportionment committee to apportion \$25,000 among the churches this year for State Convention work.

DEATHS

Rev. F. B. Neel, who was pastor of the Ravenswood Baptist Church, Chicago, died, after an operation, Thursday, April 18th. Mr. Neel became pastor of the Cordova church after his graduation at Rochester, for two years. Five years ago he became pastor of the Ravenswood church. He was forty-three years of age, a good pastor and able preacher and greatly beloved by all who knew him.

The Laymen's movement to raise \$1,000,000 had not quite succeeded when last we heard. It was then hoped that the full amount would be raised by the last of April. Illinois was lacking \$8,000 at last reports of having raised her apportionment of \$65,000. This has been a great movement, even if they do not quite reach the goal, but we hope it will be raised.

CORRECTION

Last month we stated that Rev. L. C. Trent had been pastor of the Kewanee church five or six years. It ought to have been about eleven years. Brother Trent has done a great work on that field where the Convention will meet in October.

The semi-annual meeting of the State Convention board was held at Pontiac, April 11th. Three of the departments of the State Convention met in Pontiac at the same time. It was one of the best semi-annual meetings. The board spent the whole afternoon in transacting the business of the Convention and at night a meeting was held in the interest of the rural communities. President Potter presided at the night session and Charles L. Drussell, formerly of Berwick, now of Springfield, and Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola church, gave very helpful addresses. It is hoped that by another year the Convention will be able to do more helpful and aggressive work in the rural communities.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR APRIL

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alton, First Church	\$ 73.00
Advertising in Bulletin.....	12.00
*Batavia Church	19.00
Chicago, Logan Square Norwegian	4.90
Chicago, First Church	11.01
Chicago, Tabernacle Church.....	30.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church.....	48.00
Chicago, Immanuel Church.....	50.00
Chicago, South Church.....	10.50
Chicago, Garfield Park Church....	55.00
Chicago, Englewood Church.....	147.00
Chicago, First Bohemian Church	5.00
Carlville Church	15.00
Charleston Church.....	10.00
Carthage Church	14.50
Elgin, First Church.....	116.00
Missionary Com., Rock Island Assn.	25.00
Granite City, Hungarian Church..	6.00
Home Mission Society.....	124.98
Joliet, First Church.....	12.00
*Kemper Church	13.00
Monmouth, First Church.....	37.99
Maywood, First Church.....	15.00
Morgan Park Church.....	60.52
Morrisonville Church	5.00
Moline, First Church.....	50.00
Northern Convention Board of Education	75.00
Normal Church	11.21

Missionary Committee, Peoria Assn.	16.50
Missionary Collections, Evangelists	157.49
Orion Church, L. C. Warner.....	5.00
*Pittsfield Church	17.00
*Plainville	9.00
*Rochelle Church	7.47
Rockford, State St. Church.....	125.00
Taylorville Church	22.00
*Willmette Church	33.00
Total	\$1,450.57

TENTH YEAR

With this May issue, the Bulletin begins its tenth year. Every lover of this little paper should boost it now. If your church has but a small subscription list, you should take hold of the matter and get a new club of twenty subscribers. Almost anybody could do this if he would try. Our people need this newsy little paper. The cost is but a trifle and thousands more would take it if some one would personally bring it to their attention and request a subscription. This year is a critical one in many respects in our denomination and every means for keeping up an interest among the people should be used.

The superintendent always plans to spend one Sunday in the early spring with the church that proposes to entertain the Convention in October. This year he gave Saturday night and Sunday morning, March 23rd and 24th, to the Kewanee church. He found everything in fine condition for the October meetings. The church and pastor are enthusiastic, expect to entertain the Convention well and are hopeful for the meeting. We expect to have one of our best meetings at Kewanee this fall.

Remember in prayer from day to day, the great Convention at Atlantic City, May 15-22.

THE editor's wife will go with him to the Northern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City. Evangelists F. M. Dunk and F. L. Church and Dr. N. T. Hafer among our State Missionary force, will go. There will be a goodly number of the Illinois people who will go, but we are not at this time sure of their names. Some of us have to go two and three days before the convention commences on account of other business. It is expected that the convention this year will be a great meeting.

Work, pray, and give for the State Convention from now until October 1st.

The following local associations will hold their annual meetings in June this year:

Association	Place	Time
Rock River	Belvidere	June 4- 5
Chicago	Morgan Park	June 6- 7
Rock Island	Moline	June 11-13
Ottawa	Amboy	June 20-21
Aurora	Aurora	June 25-27

Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Boston, writes as follows, "I am in the Chicago office and have been looking through the March number of the Illinois Baptist Bulletin. Many precious memories come to mind as I think of the days of our association here together in Illinois. I want to tell you again how greatly I appreciate the work you have done and are still doing. I congratulate you upon the appearance of the Bulletin. I am satisfied it pays to use good paper and good clear type. I do not recall any job of printing that has

come to my attention recently that is put out in better shape than the Bulletin."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Albert Gordanier, pastor of the Hammond church, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the La-Moille church in the Ottawa Association. The church seemed well united on Brother Gordanier and he will do a good work there. He has been successful at Hammond, his first pastorate, since his graduation.

Rev. L. E. Riley, who has been the successful pastor at Tremont for several years, has resigned that church and has accepted an appointment as physical director in the Y. M. C. A. in the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Rev. R. V. Hinkle, who has been pastor at Sterling for about two years, has resigned that field and removed to Eaton, Colorado.

Rev. G. W. Wright recently began his pastorate at Alpha with a very hopeful outlook. There are from fifteen to eighteen men in the men's class every Sunday. The church increased the salary \$200 beyond what they ever gave before, and have raised it all without difficulty.

The Central Church of Quincy has called as its pastor, Rev. R. V. Meigs, who for a long time was pastor of the old First Church in that city. We have not yet learned whether Brother Meigs will accept the invitation or not. We should be very glad to welcome him back into the state, whether he locates at Quincy or somewhere else.

Rev. L. W. Hostetter, who has been pastor of the Orion Church for about a year and a half, has resigned the pas-

torate, to take effect June 1st. We have not learned where Brother Hostetter expects to locate.

Rev. H. L. Mounce, who has been pastor at Erie for less than two years, has resigned, but will continue to supply the church until school closes.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Rev. A. P. Rossier, our missionary pastor at Geneseo, seems to be doing very important work on that field, and is bringing the church out on the lines of efficiency. Although the church is weak, it made a contribution to the Million Dollar Campaign.

Rev. Charles H. Davies, pastor at Marissa, writes concerning the meetings of Evangelist Dunk in his church. He says, "We enjoyed having Brother Dunk with us very much, and feel that the church has been wonderfully blessed through his labors, although we did not realize near all that we had our hearts set upon, however, through no fault upon his part. The Spirit seemed to be working in power at times and yet we were apparently unable to get a break and get the people to step out for the Lord, although the attendance was good and many who had been indifferent, reconsecrated themselves to the Lord and were very faithful in attendance. Brother Dunk preaches true to the word without any questionable or startling methods."

Rev. Henry L. Duff, of Chicago Heights, writes, "Prospects are very good for future progress. Financially, this is the best quarter I have ever reported. We paid \$100 to Dr. Proper on our indebtedness and also \$147 on street paving assessment. Our Sunday School collections are better than they have ever been."

Rev. E. Schliemann, pastor of the Edgewood Church in Rock Island, is having some encouragement in his work. He recently baptized six from the Sunday School and five others were received for baptism. Evangelist R. L. Moyer and wife are at this time holding a meeting at Edgewood.

Evangelist R. L. Moyer and wife have just closed a three weeks meeting at Oglesby. There was not a large number of additions to the church, but the pastor expressed himself as well pleased with the evangelist's work and said that it was of such a character as to be a real help and strength to the church.

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our missionary pastor at the State University, baptized two sophomore young men on Easter Sunday. The church has made up all its missionary apportionments.

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra writes an encouraging letter concerning the work at Fairfield. He held a month of special meetings doing all the preaching himself and leading the singing. He says, "Our services were well attended. The meetings resulted in five or six additions to the church."

Rev. J. L. Meads, chairman of the Missionary committee of the Southern Illinois Association, writes that Rev. T. O. McMinn, of Nebraska, has been secured to take the work as general missionary in that association, to begin work October first. A strong effort was made to secure this brother for a much needed work in that part of the state. Brethren who know him and who are well acquainted with the field, think that he is just the man for that place. We are sorry we could not secure him for this year, but are very glad to have him to begin in the fall.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

WINONA LAKE SUMMER SCHOOL

June 20-27

Illinois women and girls! Plan to attend this conference in June! There will be no Illinois Baptist Assembly this year—so if you wish to get real inspiration and have a perfectly splendid time, attend the Summer School of Missions at Winona Lake, Indiana. The theme for the week is "Christianity and the World's Workers." Study books will be presented and Mission Study classes conducted by Mrs. H. L. Hill, noted lecturer; Mrs. Clara D. Pinkham, Dean of our Baptist Missionary Training School; Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn, Field Secretary of Woman's Presbyterian Board, and many others.

The Girls' Department will be specially fine, all sorts of plans are being made for girls over eighteen and under eighteen years of age. All girls invited to come. For information regarding the Young Woman's Conference, write Miss Gladys Topping, 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin, Ill. For general information, write Mrs. Washington Laycock, 6437 Green street, Chicago.

Our hearts have been saddened this past month by the "Going Home" of Mrs. D. B. Wells. During the past years Mrs. Wells had endeared herself to hundreds of Illinois women through her wonderful presentation of the Mission Study Books at Winona Lake and

elsewhere. Our lives are bigger and better because we knew and loved her—Heaven is nearer and dearer—how glad we are that "The shadows of human life are traced upon a golden ground of immortal hope."

Central District Meeting, St. Joseph, Missouri, April 10-12.

1—Was wonderful in inspiration and consecration.

2—A Union program was presented.

3—Was attended by 276 registered delegates.

4—Illinois was represented by 16 women.

5—Central District exceeded its gifts of last year to our Missionary Societies.

6—At this gathering two young women from Missouri definitely pledged themselves to missionary service.

7—The new president elected is Mrs. A. L. Reeves of Kansas City.

8—The next meeting of Central District will be in Detroit, Michigan.

Chicago Association holds a monthly association meeting in eight months of the year. From a small beginning the number in attendance has increased so that some of the smaller churches cannot entertain it. The April meeting was held in the Immanuel Church with an attendance at luncheon of over 650 women.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.'

The Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work of the State Convention held its regular meeting at Pontiac in connection with the semi-annual meeting of the State Board, April 11. Members present were Ruthven, Hines, Hilton and Morris. The work was thoroughly discussed and some important matters disposed of. The reports of our secretary, treasurer and elementary director were all satisfactory. Upon request of the department, the board continued the appropriation for promoting our elementary work.

The department will welcome requests for assistance on associational programs, and so far as possible will respond to all such calls. Please do not forget that this is a part of our State Convention work and as such, should have full recognition.

We would like to have in each association some person to act as Associational Director, to work in connection with the department. Such a person should be elected or appointed at the annual meeting of the association.

Thus far the returns from our call for one cent per capita for the membership of the schools has been much

less than we had hoped for. We feel that many schools could vote this amount out of their treasury without any difficulty and never miss the money, and at the same time be rendering great assistance to the work. We will soon issue another letter with this request and are hoping to hear from many of our schools.

The reports on the standing of schools with regard to the Baptist Standard show that there has been a falling off in efficiency in a good many schools. We presume this is due to the severe weather of last winter, and also to the war conditions. We urge that all superintendents take hold with renewed vigor and bring your school up to the standard as far as possible.

Another and very important matter we wish to call attention to is the Sunday School page of the Bulletin. This is our only regular monthly means of communicating with the workers on the field. If you do not have a strong club among the workers in your school we ask that a person be appointed to get up a club at once and send the names and money to the State Director. Price 25c per year for single subscriptions, 20c in clubs of ten, and 15c in clubs of twenty or more.

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Arrangements for the trip to the Convention are about completed, or as near completion as it is possible to make them. It will not be possible, as in years past, to have a special train. This is due in part to the great demand for equipment for other purposes. We are extremely fortunate, however, in having a railroad running direct to Cedar Rapids without change, that will be of easy access to all of Illinois. This railroad is the great Rock Island system. We are glad to favor this line with our business, and hope that all delegates will make an effort to concentrate upon a specified train that will be designated. This will allow our party to keep together as usual. The Hotel Montrose, has been chosen as the Official Headquarters at Cedar Rapids. The room rates are moderate for a first class hotel, and rates have been submitted for meals during the Convention that will make it possible to attend it at a moderate expenditure. The exact amount being determined by just the accommodations desired—but counting railroad fare, sleeping car both ways, room with bath, meals, and registration at the Convention, the entire cost will not be over \$30.00. It can be made considerably less if desired. All interest-

ed in this matter are asked to write the editor, who will give them any needed information by mail.

Secretary White, of the B. Y. P. U. A., reports that an exceptionally high grade and helpful program has been arranged, with many of the best known and most successful Christian workers of both south and north upon it, and that they are expecting a great meeting. He is sending out literature pertaining to the Convention and is receiving advices from other states advising that delegates are going to be sent. The local authorities at Cedar Rapids have obtained the use of the large and beautiful grounds and buildings of Coe College, and are making every effort to have the arrangements there add to the comfort and pleasure of those attending.

With the short distance to travel, and small expenditure to make this trip, many delegates from Illinois should attend the Convention.

Do not forget the dates—July 4 to 7, inclusive. The route—The Rock Island Railroad.

For information regarding time of train—hotel rates, etc., please write the editor AT ONCE. It is necessary to make reservations early.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Our farm work is well up to the season, the early spring weather being exceedingly favorable for putting in oats, and planting potatoes. We sowed fourteen acres of oats on our own farm and sixteen on rented land. Of potatoes we planted twenty bushels of seed.

On account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Louise Hobbs, Miss Kathryn Weber was compelled to resign her position as matron of Hudelson Orphanage, that she might assume the care of her sister's two children and also be at home with her mother, who is in feeble health. Miss Weber has given herself in a most unselfish and efficient manner to the orphanage for so many years that her loss will be severely felt. However, Mrs. Olson, who would not have in the beginning considered the question of assuming charge of the domestic duties of the institution, immediately got under the burden, organized her girls for the task and is now directing the domestic life of the institution and also teaching our school several hours each day.

The decision to ask our churches to raise \$5,000.00 for each of our three philanthropic institutions, the Baptist Old People's Home, Central Baptist Children's Home and Hudelson Orphanage is a step in the right direction by the State Convention. We are hopeful that the Apportionment Committee will be sustained by the churches raising the additional amounts requested.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

It will be gratifying to our many friends to know that the Rev. M. P. Boynton, so well and favorably known in the denomination, is again associated with the Board of Directors—this time as the personal representative of the Baptist State Convention. Several years ago the doctor served upon the board, but was obliged to resign because of the demands upon his time.

Director C. H. Knights, treasurer, has returned from his long vacation, and all will be glad to know that Mrs. Philo R. King is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Another encouraging feature in our situation is, acting on the recommendation of the Committee of Philanthropy and their report as adopted at the State Convention last October—The State Board at its semi-annual meeting in April, acting in connection with the Board of THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME arranged for that closer affiliation with the State Convention—as suggested—and voted that the OLD PEOPLE'S HOME be placed on the Budget in Baptist churches in Illinois. Please take note of this and see to it that every Baptist church in the state does its bit by making a place in its benevolence, designated to the Baptist OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

The care of the aged deserves our attention and under present conditions is becoming an increasingly stronger demand. "It is a time for sacrifice, but not the sacrifice of the Aged and

Helpless." Let us "Hold the Home Lines," and do it in a dignified way, commensurate with the obligation. It will help greatly in planning our work if as rapidly as possible we may hear from the churches, saying—"The Baptist Old People's Home is on our budget this year for —."

The splendid record of our work carried on in these first few years of its history, and the property already owned by the Home and an endowment of \$28,000, and no debts, should recommend the management of the Home to the denomination in a way that all would want and have a part in the enlargement and sustaining of the work, especially now that the State Convention has a voice in directing its affairs.

ORDINATION

A council was called by the Jacksonville Church, to ordain F. L. Girard, a member of that church. He has been supplying three churches on the border of Calhoun county, and quite a number of persons on his fields are awaiting baptism. There were eight ordained ministers present, and several laymen. The candidate passed quite a good examination for a person of his opportunities. The council hesitated somewhat in ordaining a man of his limited opportunities in the way of education, and yet he seems to be making the most that he can out of what opportunities he has, and the Lord seems to be blessing his work. At the night service, Superintendent E. P. Brand preached the sermon and Will R. Johnson offered prayer. Rev. W. J. Campbell gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Geo. Nicholson, the hand of fellowship.

PERSONALS

Rev. Sam R. Kirkland closed a three weeks' meeting with the New Berlin Church, in the Springfield Association. Dr. Kirkland baptized twenty-eight persons, the pastor being sick at the time, and left sixteen approved for baptism and ten were received by letter and confession. This makes an increase in the membership of fifty-four. The budget for next year was raised and the pastor's salary increased \$100. The pastor, A. W. Judd, says, "The whole community, as well as the church people, join in hearty praise of Dr. Kirkland and his work here."

Evangelist J. N. Edmondson, of Atwood, Ill., assisted Rev. Ellis M. Jones in revival meetings at the First Baptist Church in Washington, Indiana. He reports Pastor Jones as having good success in Indiana. There was an attendance in the Sunday School on Easter Sunday of 528. Brother Edmondson's meetings resulted in twenty baptisms and additions to the church.

Rev. John A. Howard, missionary at Contii, Bengal-Orissa, India, writes a very interesting letter to his friends, dated December 29, 1917. He and his wife are very consecrated people. He will soon have completed six years' service and then must come home on furlough for rest and recuperation, and yet he feels that it is almost impossible for him to leave the field unless there are some volunteers to come out and help with the work while he spends a year in America.

"During the past two years the Bible School enrollment in Japan is reported to have gained 40,000 new pupils. The increase throughout the world is supposed to be about one million every year; the total enrollment is said to be 35,000,000."

“REJOICING IN THE RESURRECTION

The question of our Lord's resurrection is one of perennial and sublime interest. It is as vital today as on that morning, nineteen centuries ago, when he who was delivered up for our offenses was raised for our justification. The fact of the resurrection rests upon irrefragable testimony. To the witness of those who “saw the Lord” after he had risen is added the witness of those who in every generation have experienced “the power of the resurrection.”

Let us give the resurrection of our Lord a more prominent and a more constant place in our thinking. Let us be glad with the early disciples that the pains of death could not hold him. Let us believe and rejoice in the promise of the angels: “This same Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Let us be comforted by the words of the Apostle Paul, “I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not even as others who have no hope: for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” Let us who have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, walk henceforth in newness of life, reckoning ourselves to be dead indeed to sin but alive to God through Jesus Christ.”

THROUGH CROSS TO CROWN

The key-note for the Twenty-seventh Anniversary Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 4-7, 1918, will be “Through Cross to Crown.”

The program is of the very highest order. Such men as Mr. L. P. Leavell, Dr. D. D. Munro, Dr. A. M. Bailey, Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. H. F. Stillwell, and Dr. F. H. Adams will deliver addresses. Conferences will be conducted by Mr. A. Ross Kitt, Mr. F. H. Leavell, Mr. H. W. Richl, Rev. I. N. DePuy and Mr. W. Fred Reynolds.

Dr. H. P. Whiddon of Brandon College, Brandon, Man., Canada, who

has been recently elected to the Canadian parliament by the largest majority ever known, has been invited to deliver the Patriotic and Educational addresses. His acceptance is expected any day.

Information regarding the Convention may be secured from James Asa White, General Secretary, 125 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

James A. White. General Secretary.

“Over this German ideal put now the American ideal as expressed by President Wilson in his reply to the Pope's peace proposals. ‘The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government.’”

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Meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention



The editor and his wife started Friday, May 10th, to attend the annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., May 15-22. He had promised to aid the First Church of Danville in a movement to take care of its church debt, Friday night. A very successful meeting was held in Danville and the editor went to Chicago Saturday and took a five o'clock train over the B. & O. R. R. for Atlantic City. The trip through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey was delightful and we arrived at our hotel at one o'clock Monday morning.

After a good rest we attended the Evangelistic Conference Monday forenoon and afternoon. This conference had been held during the Sunday preceding. It was one of the finest meetings we ever attended. A pastor from Michigan gave an account of a very successful pastorate, and Dr. Taylor of Indianapolis, who has spent seven months among the soldier boys in the encampments gave a great address. The whole afternoon was taken by President Barbour of Rochester, in an exposition of the work and power of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Barbour seemed

to be at his best, and it was very excellent. Our young men who are studying for the ministry are certainly in safe hands with such an instructor as Dr. Barbour. There was scarcely a discordant note in these meetings, one man disagreed with some things that were said with regard to the soldiers, but he did it with tears and deep earnestness. There was the deepest feeling on the part of everyone present. The deepest sympathy with the fundamental teachings of the New Testament were expressed by the speakers and heartily responded to by the hearers.

Monday night the State Convention Superintendents and Secretaries met for a meeting of four sessions. The first session, Monday night, was devoted to business. It was voted to hold a semi-annual meeting, and that it be held in Chicago. The election of officers resulted in the election of Rev. W. H. Bowler of Idaho, as secretary, and Rev. E. P. Brand of Illinois, as president.

All day Tuesday was spent in the Secretaries and Superintendents meeting. Three long sessions were held. It was thought by some that it was the best meeting ever held by this body. The Single Collecting Agency and all

that goes with raising missionary money in the various states took all the time of one session. Most of two sessions were given to the country church problem and the work of the Home Mission Society and Publication Society in Social Service and Community work, and a very strong resolution was unanimously passed to be presented to the convention. More and more the state secretaries meetings are getting to be a power in the Northern Baptist Convention. Three meetings of the Women's Societies were held, one in the Presbyterian church and two in the Chelsea Baptist meeting house. At all these meetings the buildings were crowded. Some of the speakers were Mrs. Montgomery of New York, Mrs. Peabody of one of the eastern states, and Mrs. Ford, Mrs. McLeish and Mrs. Nuveen of Chicago, and others. Atlantic City seems to be a fine convention city. There are about 35,000 regular inhabitants and in the summer time about 300,000 visitors. It is perhaps the greatest hotel city of its size in the world. There are 1,100 hotels.

The convention assembled Wednesday a. m., May 15. The place of meeting was at the end of a pier about one-third mile long, out in the bay. A beautiful place, no dust, no noise, with the sea all around and under the audience room. There were 1,600 delegates registered the first day. President George Coleman of Boston, was in the chair. The regular routine business and organization was accomplished the first session. In the afternoon one of the interesting features was the report of the committee on Ordination to the Ministry. Dr. Thomas Villers of Michigan, read the report. It seemed to be a very fine suggestion to

the state conventions. Dr. Green, president of the William Jewell College of Missouri, in a strong and interesting address, opposed it. It was laid on the table until more time could be given to it. At the night session the out-going missionaries to foreign countries were introduced. The women introduced fifteen young women for work beyond the seas, two young Japanese were also introduced and made addresses. Then the Foreign Mission secretary expressed great disappointment for the Foreign Mission Society. They had hoped to introduce at this meeting, thirty men and their wives for foreign fields, or sixty missionaries, but they had only three men and their wives to introduce. The war has had such an effect upon our young men that it seems impossible to get them for foreign missionaries. A double quartet from one of the Home Mission colleges among the negroes of the south, sang several selections that were greatly appreciated.

The meetings on Thursday were very fine. The great Auditorium, one-third mile out in the ocean with the salt water all around and under it, was crowded. Business was transacted in the forenoon. One of the most interesting features was the report of the Board of Education, by Dr. Padelford, of Boston. The educational work, along the financial line has gone far ahead of the five year program. The afternoon session was one of the most interesting of the whole convention. It was given up to addresses on the part of those who have spent time with the soldier boys. A map was unfurled showing that 183,400 Baptist men have enlisted or been drafted into the army. The reports showed that the country now has

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BEFORE the July Bulletin reaches the people, we will be in the midst of summer heat, and the time when many people will be taking a vacation, but the church should not take a vacation nor let up much on the work. More and more the schools are utilizing the summer months for education. The churches should do some aggressive work in the summer season.

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MANY churches want their pastors to take a four weeks' vacation. We are glad they can do it, and they doubtless can do better work by a rest. The state gives its missionaries and evangelists a vacation if they want it. The superintendent took a two weeks' vacation last year, but will take none this summer. He does not feel that he needs it and the work is too pressing to leave it. When the pastor is gone someone should carry on the work in his stead.

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IT IS marvelous how many young men have gone from our churches into the army and navy and aviation corps and other forms of government service. It was reported at the convention at Atlantic City and the figures were printed on a large map, that 182,400 Baptist boys and boys from

Baptist families are now in the service. That means that about one in ten of all the soldiers are from Baptist homes. Not only our churches, but our schools, the colleges and universities and our theological seminaries are being drained of young men.

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FIVE of our Northern Associations will meet in June. We hope that each one of these will give plenty of time to consider their own local needs.

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SOME Associations with much missionary territory and weak churches give almost no time to a discussion of their own territory, nor of planning help for their own field. Some of these Associations will give a whole session for women's work, or for Home or Foreign Missions, but almost no time to do the work for which the Association was primarily organized.

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IT SEEMS strange that people should get enthusiastic in planning for work in Africa but have no interest in the Africans in their own territory; or for some other foreign nation and be entirely indifferent with regard to the foreigners right at their own doors.

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ASSOCIATIONS will meet, this year, under different conditions from what the world has ever been in before. It is difficult to see very far into the future. It is plan and work and sacrifice for the work of the kingdom and for the good of humanity as we see it today and trust the Almighty God to lead us safely through the dark and trying times.

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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about 1,800,000 men in our army or navy.

A long session was held at night. A man from Canada, a member of Parliament in London, England, made the first address. This was followed by a great address by President George Coleman, who gave a report of his trip to England and France, investigating the conditions of the war and our soldiers in France. He was followed by a great address by Rev. R. Saillens of Paris, France, a great Baptist leader of French Protestantism. The editor heard Mr. Saillens in London, England, thirteen years ago. He has two sons in the French army, but while he was full of the French nation and the war, yet his heart is so full of the religion of Jesus Christ that much of his talk was along the line of vital religion.

Minister Families

Rev. A. S. Carman, D.D., our Single Collecting Agent in Illinois, and his three preacher sons were at the convention and sang several songs before the large congregation.

At one of the devotional services Rev. Mr. Allen of Michigan, and his four sons, all Baptist ministers, were called to the platform to close the service in prayer.

Friday forenoon was largely given to the consideration of the weekly newspaper and the M. and M. Benefit Board. While the Baptists are greatly behind other denominations in the support of aged ministers and missionaries, nothing being done until a few years ago except by a few states, now we have an invested fund of \$1,353,451.96. Friday afternoon was given

to seven conferences held in different places. The editor attended the conference on Rural Church work. It was very interesting and inspiring. One of the men who is preaching for two churches in Connecticut and attending ten acres of ground, is a son of Dr. R. S. McArthur, who was pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in New York City for forty-one years and is now president of the Baptist World Alliance. Friday night was taken up by a reception given to the Home and Foreign missionaries. It was a kind of rest and social evening.

The meeting on Saturday was very good. One of the features of the forenoon meeting was the report on young people's work. Dr. W. W. Burtard, pastor of the Euclid Ave. church, Cleveland, gave a very strong talk in leading the devotional meeting. He took strong ground on the old Baptist teachings on the interpretation of the Bible. In the afternoon there were six conferences. The Laymen's conference was held at the main auditorium. The afternoon was taken up with the report on the Million Dollar Drive of the Laymen. Mr. Rockefeller phoned over to Mr. Ayer that he would add \$25,000 to the \$50,000 he had already promised, if they would make the amount so his \$75,000 would complete the million dollars. Ambrose Swasey of Cleveland added \$10,000 to the \$10,000 he had already given. The largest falling down on the movement was in eastern New York, Massachusetts and eastern Pennsylvania. Nearly all the central and western states made up their full amount and went "Over the top." Fifty thousand dollars had to be raised by Monday noon if the whole million was secured and the \$75,000 offered by

Mr. Rockefeller saved. It was thought that it could be secured. Other afternoon conferences were good.

At night the men held a meeting in the hall and the women at another place. Most of the time taken by the men in this meeting was given to patriotic addresses. Great addresses were delivered by Clinton Howard of New York, and President Coleman and Dr. Barbour. Dr. Aitchison of Boston, was on the program, but on account of the late hour, did not speak more than ten or fifteen minutes. A great crowd met in the auditorium Sunday morning to hear the annual sermon by Dr. Charles Gilkey of Chicago. Brother Gilkey was at his best. He preached from Paul's words at Athens. "The times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now calleth upon all men everywhere to repent."

Mr. Gilkey preached just one hour and fifteen minutes. It was a fine sermon and while some could not agree with him in all his conclusions, yet on the whole it was greatly appreciated by the great audience. He brought his sermon up to date and tried to apply it to the times in which we are living. Gilkey is a great preacher.

Sunday afternoon was Young People's meeting. The attendance was large and there were quite a number of able speakers. At the same time there was a Memorial service for Dr. Henry C. Maybie at the First Baptist church. The night session was given to religion or Christianity outside and inside of the Church. There were two speakers, a professional Socialist and Dr. Emery Hunt of Newton Center, Massachusetts. We did not hear the socialist, but heard Dr. Hunt during the hour of

his address. It was very fine, and seemed to the writer to put the church in its true and Biblical light. As the editor and his wife went two days before the convention met, on account of some special work, they felt obliged to leave two days before the convention closed and cannot give from personal experience the last of the convention. There has been considerable criticism in some of the southern Baptist papers on the theological views of President George Coleman. In one of his addresses, he stated that everywhere and at all times the Baptists believe in the following six points:

1. Jesus as Lord and Master.
2. The Bible as a rule of Faith and Practice.
3. Regenerate Church membership.
4. The right of private judgment.
5. Civil and religious liberty.
6. Immersion the true form of Baptism.

The Baptists believe many more things than these and Mr. Coleman may believe some things out of accord with the average Baptists, but these six statements sound pretty good as Baptist views. Some points concerning the convention will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

The committee on the Standardization of the Baptist Ministry of which Rev. Thomas Villers, of Michigan, was chairman, made a strong report at the Northern Convention. It took a strong position that men who cannot take college or seminary work should not be ordained by Baptist Councils without some preparation. It recommended to the several state conventions a standardized requirement for ordina-

tion. The standard is at least two years study for those who cannot go to school. It is suggested that they may be called to supply churches and temporarily authorized to administer the ordinances while pursuing this course of study, but not ordained until a course has been pursued. It was recommended that the candidate be required to study the following course:

(a) A study of some good text book on the English language, so as to make sure that the preacher can speak and write correctly.

(b) A course in the English Bible.

(c) A course in Biblical Theology.

(d) A course in Baptist History.

(e) A course in Homiletics.

(f) A course in Modern Missions.

(g) A course in Modern Bible School work.

The committee recommended fifty-five books as a good selection and recommends that each state convention could select seven of this number as the ones to be pursued in that state as the first course. Of course this is only a recommendation without authority, but if each state convention takes it up and insists upon it no candidate for ordination and no council could very well afford to ignore it. As our fund for the assistance of aged and needy ministers increases there must be some standard of ordination. A man could not establish a barber shop without at least three years of special training. Men must be especially prepared for law and medicine, for carpenter work, plumbing, masonry and in fact everything except digging dirt, carrying hods and the Baptist Ministry. The time has come when there must be some standard for ordination.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR MAY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Advertising in Annual	\$ 24.93
Board of Education of Northern Baptist Convention	75.00
Blandinsville Church, Mrs. W. H. Grigsby (S. E. F.)	10.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	102.84
Big Four R. R., Rebate on Tickets..	4.24
C. & A. R. R., Rebate on Tickets....	8.28
Centralia Church, J. H. McGuire (S. E. F.)	5.00
*Chicago, Parkside Church	13.73
Chicago, Covenant Church	5.00
Evanston Church	18.00
Freeport Church, Anna O. Bailey (S. E. F.)	5.00
Granite City Church, Morgan Le-Masters	25.00
Home Mission Society (S. E. F.)....	153.58
Joliet, Eastern Ave. Church.....	35.38
LaGrange Church	40.50
Marissa Church (S. E. F.)	102.00
Missionary committee, Quincy Assn.	32.29
Plano Church (S. E. F.)	34.00
Rockton Church	5.00
Superintendent Supply	25.00
Springfield, Harvard Park Chapel (S. E. F.)	5.00
Upper Alton Church	25.00
Warrens ville Church (S. E. F.)	88.96
Whitehall Church	30.00

Total\$873.73

STATE CONVENTION FINANCE

Now is the time for every pastor and every church affiliated with the State Convention in Illinois to give much thought and action to state convention finance. When the great Laymen's drive for an extra million dollars was launched in Chicago last January, the question as to how this money was to be used was discussed. All the National Societies were to share in receiving some portion of this fund. All the state convention secretaries were invited to be present and were urged to have the state conventions help to raise the million dollar,s but it was urged that no portion of it should go to the state conventions. The brethren urged

that if the state conventions would help raise it and claim no part of it, the pastors and churches would rally loyally to the support of the state conventions. This was agreed to.

In Illinois we took Dr. Hafer from his work and gave his whole time to this campaign and the state convention paid his salary while he was pushing in the Million Dollar Drive. This money was secured and not one of our general societies reported any financial shortage at the convention in Atlantic City. Illinois was asked for \$65,000 and raised \$67,000. All this goes to the societies outside the state. Perhaps \$7,000 of this should have come to the state convention and \$5,000 to the City Mission work of Chicago; but it did not. So far it seems to us, the people are not coming up strongly on state convention work. We are having to borrow money now to pay our missionaries. We have yet four months until the close of our state convention year, but two months of that time is hot weather and vacation time when but little is done by the churches. Everything depends upon vigorous work in the local churches. Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, Foreign and Home Missions, Education and Philanthropy depend upon the churches for support, and the state convention has as its chief work the building and strengthening of the churches in the state. Let everybody get busy on state convention finance. Let some well to do people send in individual donations aside from the apportionments of the churches and let every church make up its full apportionment for the state convention.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Dr. N. T. Hafer is giving two Sundays and the week between to the Roch-

elle church, trying to get them into a condition to secure a pastor. That is an important field and should have a pastor soon.

Evangelist Francis L. Church is aiding Pastor Neubauer in a meeting at Charleston. This is an important field at the State Normal School, and we hope that the meeting will be successful.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk is conducting a meeting at Reynolds. This church has been pastorless for more than a year and while it has a splendid meeting house and parsonage, it is strong enough for preaching for only a part of the time. We hope to make a combination of this church soon with some other field in the support of a pastor.

DEDICATION

On June 26th the Grant Park Chapel in Mattoon, was dedicated. This was in that section of the city where the homes of the people were destroyed in the cyclone one year ago, and the school house in which the Sunday school was held was wrecked. The Home Mission Society aided them to the extent of \$250 and the State Convention Board gave them \$250 and the churches and Sunday schools for many miles around aided them, as well as the citizens of Mattoon. A splendid little meeting house was erected and completed and all the debts provided for before dedication. There was a large crowd present and after the addresses by the mayor and other citizens of Mattoon and after the dedication sermon by the editor of the Bulletin, he thought it was best to raise a little surplus to help build sidewalks and any other things that might be needed. He attempted to raise \$100 and got \$110.

One of the principal elements in this splendid success was the wise and untiring labors of the pastor, Rev. James M. Lively. He is pastor of the Central Church and gives a service to the Grant Park Mission each Sunday afternoon, and one service through the week. He keeps an automobile and he used it to good effect in the building enterprise and in raising of money. The Central Church needs a new building, but cannot build it during the war, and they have painted and repaired the old building so that it looks quite well. Mattoon is a great field for the Baptists and Lively is the right man for that field. The dedication was just one year after the cyclone to the day and hour.

Riverside Church, Decatur, is having remarkable success. Rev. Irving Fox has been pastor for about one year. The editor gave them a Sunday morning a few weeks ago. Every nook and corner of the building was filled at both Sunday school and preaching service. During the past year more than sixty members have been added. They have paid off all debts against the property. They have two fine lots. They have the ground excavated and the foundation partly in for a good church building. They do not propose to complete the building during these war times, but hope to complete the large basement this summer and roof it over until such time as they can complete the building. Dr. Marsh and the First Church are taking quite an interest and the First Church will aid them in completing the basement. Brother Fox attended the convention at Atlantic City, and received great benefit from the meetings.

GARDENING

There never seems to have been so much interest taken in gardening in America as last year and so far this year. The gardens of Illinois were never on such a large scale and never looked better than this year, not only in the country, but in the towns and smaller cities and to a large extent in the large cities gardens are cultivated wherever ground can be secured. That is one way to help win the war. The more garden stuff people in this country eat, the more wheat and meat they can send to our armies and the allies abroad.

THE LAKE GENEVA CONFERENCE

It is extremely necessary that our churches do their best at this time of engrossment in the world-war, to prevent the neglect of the home base. It would be a sore calamity to allow the battlements of the church in America or in the foreign field to become dismantled at a time when the world needs an able equipment as never before. And for the period following the close of the war the most ample and ably equipped leadership will be required. But if we are to have them in the ministry, on the mission field and in other lines of religious work we must be recruiting them now. The church or denomination which loses its stride and falls behind now will be unlikely ever to catch up again. A woman is said to have rushed into an insurance office crying out "I want a policy, quick! Our house is on fire." It will not do for our churches to wait for the conflagration before getting ready for it.

Our denominational schools are a great source of supply for this equipment. But they are being sadly de-

pleted by the war. It is the place of pastors and parents and all who have responsibility for or influence over the young to do recruiting service for our schools, our pastorates and the mission fields.

One of the most effective training camps for Christian service is found in the series of conferences held each summer at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In that beautiful resort with its blue sky and rippling waters are gathered at different periods during the summer months representatives of Sunday school training work, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and the Missionary Education Movement. They have been the means of making or remaking many a young life, and of guiding many a young person in the choice of his life mission, and quite apart from this they have given to every younger or older one in attendance upon them an outlook and an uplook, personal associations of rare value, and helpful influences which have entered into all their after life.

The Y. M. C. A. Conference is held from June 14 to 24; the Y. W. C. A. Conference from August 20 to 30, and the Conference of the Missionary Education Movement from July 26 to August 4. Attention is especially called to the last named. It is under the direction of an interdenominational Mid-Western Territorial Committee, of which Dr. W. P. Behan of our Baptist Missionary Training School is chairman, and Miss Daisy Colman, 19 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, is field secretary. Splendid programs have called into service the ablest leaders from all denominations. The expense of the program and outing is very moderate. We should all interest

ourselves in making the utmost success of what may mean so much to the future of religion and civilization.

A. S. Carman.

The First Baptist Sunday School, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., closed a week's campaign, under the direction of W. B. Morris, last Sunday with a decision day service in the school. Twenty-five responded in a decision for the Christian life.

The week's campaign was characterized by sane, intelligent teaching and school methods.

J. H. Wells, Pastor.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., from Camp Taylor, Kentucky, gives some interesting matter concerning his work in the Y. M. C. A. among the soldier boys. He seems to be doing good work and enjoys it very much. He says there are hundreds of things to tell about the real merit of the work and there are also drawbacks. We hope Brother Mundell will at no distant future date be located again as a pastor in Illinois.

Rev. George Yule and wife assisted Dr. L. D. Lamkin in special meetings in the first Baptist Church at Cairo. The pastor expresses a very high appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Yule. He says, "The visible results of the meeting were—a new awakening of the spiritual life of the church and the conversion of souls. In all who came forward there were forty-seven. Thirty-five came into the church, twelve by letter and restoration and twenty-three by baptism. It was a glorious meeting and everybody seemed pleased."

Rev. Roy E. Williamson, who was in the senior class in Shurtleff College this year, is assisting as a chaplain in the army of the republic. It is unusual to take into this important work one so young as Brother Williamson, but his talent and earnest devotion to the call of the ministry and his peculiar fitness to work among men made it easier for him to receive the appointment. His home is at Elkhaville, in southern Illinois.

Rev. J. L. Franklin of Benton, Illinois, writes, that on the night of May 8th he assisted Rev. J. L. Meads at the First Baptist church of Benton in ordaining six deacons. Brother Franklin speaks of his church as going "over the top" in the Million Dollar Drive. He has two sons and two brothers in the army.

Rev. Frederick C. Webb, who had two pastorates at Macomb and one at Freeport, is now pastor of the College Ave. Baptist church, Indianapolis, Indiana. He expresses himself as very greatly pleased with his field of work and is getting along very nicely.

Rev. P. V. Mangum, formerly pastor of the Belleville, Ill., church, but more recently a pastor in Missouri, has now gone to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. His church would not let him resign, but paid his salary three months in advance and gave him one hundred dollars and a leave of absence.

Rev. E. K. Masterson, pastor of the Normal Baptist church, secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, clerk of the Bloomington Association, school trustee in the city of Normal, and director of the Boy Scouts in Normal, has closed his work in Normal and started to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. The church refused to ac-

cept his resignation and gave him an indefinite leave of absence. Mr. Masterson has spent four years in Normal and stood very high in the estimation and appreciation of the church, and especially so of the people of the city. He is a man who is especially adapted to Y. M. C. A. work.

Rev. Walter I. Fowle, pastor of the First Baptist church in Galesburg, has closed his work in that city and will start to France in a few days as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. On Tuesday, May 28th, the church gave him a farewell reception. His Sunday school gave him a nice wrist watch. The colored church gave him a cash donation and the laymen of the First Church took out a \$5,000 insurance policy for him and handed him a check, as their donation. They did not receive his resignation, but gave him a leave of absence for at least one year.

CHURCHES

The First Church at Danville, recently lost one of its most highly esteemed members, Deacon Wm. H. Jackson, who was eighty-two years of age. Twenty-four young men from the First Baptist church are now in the army. The pastor's wife was recently called to New England on account of the sickness and death of her mother. The work of selling bonds for the liquidation of the church debt, within a period of five years, is progressing nicely.

About twenty have been recently added to the Western Ave. church, Danville, in the pastoral work of Rev. Geo. W. Woolsey. The meeting house has been recently greatly improved. The Union Baptist church which is also

under the watchful care of Pastor Woolsey, has suffered the loss of a bright young man, fifteen years of age. He was electrocuted by a low hanging live wire. Some new members have been added.

Calvary Church, South Danville, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. C. Rork, is adding new members to its flock. Pastor Rork lives at Chrisman, twenty miles from the church, but he gives the church good and faithful service.

The Kellyville Mission has suffered greatly by losing nearly all the young men, gone to war, and many of the young women have gone to other places to work. This mission is a branch of the First Church, Danville, and Mr. Edward Shaw, a licensed minister of the First Church, serves the Mission as pastor.

Rev. John M. Dean, assisted by Miss Amy Lee Stockton, evangelist, and W. F. Hansman, singer, closed a very successful series of meetings covering a period of three weeks, at the First Baptist church of Macomb. The pastor says, "We have had a wonderful blessing, many were converted and we feel that more will yet come. Dr. Dean is certainly a great power in God's work and a help to any church and we can most heartily recommend him and his assistants to any church wanting extra good meetings."

Rev. R. T. Gasaway, pastor of the Kane Baptist church, writes as follows: "Things are moving along nicely at Kane. On a recent Sunday evening, out of a congregation of 106 people, I had forty-two grown men and eight

boys. The people here tell me that they never knew the men to attend church as they have been lately."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. R. N. McDonald, a Scotchman, came from the First Baptist church of Homestead, Pa., to Garfield Park and began his pastorate May 19th. Mr. McDonald has done a fine work at Homestead, Pa., and we welcome him to Illinois.

Rev. C. N. Manchester, after having been in Illinois for quite a number of years as pastor at Havana, New Berlin, Chrisman, Edinburg, Plymouth and Colchester, has resigned his work at Plymouth and Colchester and gone to Michigan. We hope Brother Manchester will find a pleasant home and do good work in our neighboring state.

Rev. O. D. Briggs of Shanon, Pennsylvania, has become pastor of the Parkside Church in Chicago.

Rev. Fred H. Fahringer has accepted the pastorate of the South Chicago church and has already begun work.

Rev. L. W. Hostetter of Orion, where he has labored one and one-half years, has closed his pastorate there and accepted a call to the Greenfield church in the Green-Jersey Association.

Rev. J. J. Ross has become pastor of the Second Church in Chicago. He will spend July and August among Canadian military camps. Dr. A. J. Roland will supply the church in his absence.

Dr. Reuben Saillens, the noted French Baptist preacher, will speak in Evanston, June 13, and somewhere in Chicago the night of the 14th. Dr. Saillens made a profound impression at Atlantic City.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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June 20-27—remember the dates—Winona Summer School of Missions for women and girls of all ages. Go and have a good time from every viewpoint. Those who can possibly go cannot afford to miss it.

A splendid topic to consider at your association is in regard to holding a mid-year rally. Make a beginning and keep on holding them. Interest the women of your association in taking part in the program. The attendance will increase. Chicago association has held such a meeting monthly for twenty-five years, and the last was the largest ever held. It was presidents' day and forty-five of them stood in line while responding for their circles.

Mid-year meetings were held by Alton and Bloomington Associations in May. Both report increased interest and additional W. W. G. Chapters and Mission Circles. Alton Association is much encouraged because of increased attendance over last year from the circles and the number of circles represented. Excellent addresses were given by Mrs. Johnson of St. Louis and Mrs. Magill of Alton. The exercise, "Broken China," was given by the W. W. Girls and was very effective. New circles in the Bloomington Association were organized at Cornell and Tremont.

Is your circle striving to attain a large number of points in the Standard of Excellence?

El Paso has attained every topic and also carried off the Reading Contest banner given in the Bloomington Association. Three cheers for El Paso.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. J. C. Hazen, a member of our State Board, and to her sisters and brother in the recent going home of their mother, Mrs. Hannah M. Burchard. She always gave generously of her financial resources to assist in missionary enterprises and other worthy objects. Through these she still lives.

We have recently learned that Mrs. Carrie Dinderman of Freeport, and president of the Rock River Association, is mourning because of the "passing on" of her son. Such sorrow binds us all together in the common bond of sympathy.

Arrangements are now being made for the association meetings. At the last board meeting it was voted to ask the women having in charge their part of the program to prepare a large poster in regard to the Reading Contest to be hung in the church during the association. Size approximately 20x24 inches. Later these are to be sent to the state meeting in October. What association or circle will have the most striking poster?

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International B. Y. P. U. A. Convention, Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 4-7. Great changes in all railroad schedules and rates taking effect June 10th, have created a condition that makes it almost impossible for the delegates from Illinois to concentrate upon one railroad and have a party to the convention. It is therefore advised that all delegates consult their local railroad agent and procure rates and routes from him, making the trip in the most convenient and economical way for them. Both railroad and Pullman rates have been advanced slightly by the government, who are now controlling these things. They have also changed the time of numerous trains, cancelling others. Delegates therefore must not depend upon our previous announcement of a specified train on the Rock Island, but are asked to get information from local agents. Sec'y. White reports great activity in other states about the meeting, and of delegations that are forming. Michigan had planned to join the Oskawawas at Chicago and journey with them. Indiana, also is planning a party, also several other eastern states. It is unfortunate that we are so situated that we cannot concentrate, as in past years, upon some road, and have some meeting point, where our delegates could get together. Presi-

dent Johnson will be at Cedar Rapids to form the party when they arrive there. Hotel Montrose will be the official headquarters for Illinois, and will take care of all those who will advise them in advance of their coming. All delegates should write this hotel, or the local committee at Cedar Rapids, asking for accommodations. Rev. Wilbur L. Clapp is chairman of the local committee and will gladly take care of all requests of this kind.

Some of the most efficient talented workers among the B. Y. P. U., south and north, are upon the program, and a great meeting is looked for. The conferences will be led by men of experience, and from these conferences will undoubtedly come, as it has in the past few conventions, help in the detailed work of the local Union. Here is where the delegate will find solutions for the problems that confront them at home.

Our Associations are beginning to hold their annual meetings and for the next few months they will continue, climaxing in our great State Convention at Kewanee.

Let us hope that they will give a liberal amount of time to a consideration of the "training" of their own children.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS
 Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
 Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Our family of 74 children continues to be robust and healthy. Conservation of food and war regulations seemingly only serve as a tonic to sharpen their appetites. The demand for food stuffs is increasing in spite of the high prices.

There is also an increased demand for charity work. There are several applications awaiting admission now. And the management is puzzled to know how to meet the requirements.

Finances are coming in too slowly to keep pace with the outlay.

We call attention of the churches in the territory of the Central Baptist Children's Home to the budget submitted by the State Convention Apportionment Committee for philanthropic work. Said budget calls for \$5,000 for the Central Baptist Children's Home. This amount, if raised, must be raised by the churches in the following associations: Aurora, Bloomington, Chicago, Peoria, Rock Island, Rock River and Ottawa.

The above amount is absolutely needed if we are to continue to do the work we are now doing. Therefore a general response is needed.

When the apportionment is sent to A. S. Carman, No. 19 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, mention ought to be made by above contributing churches that the said offering is for the Central Baptist Children's Home, at Maywood, Ill.

Already we are coöperating with the Red Cross in caring for the children

whose fathers have gone to the front to fight our battles. And this year a greater demand will still be made upon us for such cases.

At the Northern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City, one chart gave the number of baptisms by the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention. This chart was of so much interest that we give it in the Bulletin as follows:

Year	Baptisms
1908	72,235
1909	73,218
1910	67,760
1911	64,770
1912	64,696
1913	67,255
1914	83,936
1915	103,084
1916	91,566
1917	78,727

Total for ten years.....763,274

CHURCHES

The First Church of Rock Island is now in a very prosperous condition. Since Pastor Oranger began work last August he has received ninety-three persons into the church, forty-three of them by baptism.

Dwight F. Heath, one of our soldier boys from the State University church, now in France, sent fifteen francs in French currency to pay on his University church pledge. He is in the field artillery.

The Second Church of Chicago has forty-four men in the service of the country.

Momence church, of which Rev. J. W. Harnley is pastor, has sixteen boys in the army.

ORDINATION

On May 17th, a council from the Alton Association met at Hillsboro and ordained its pastor, Mr. R. O. Brees. It is reported that he passed a

splendid examination. The ordination sermon and prayer were by Rev. D. H. Toomy of Litchfield, charge to the candidate, Rev. F. C. Webber and charge to the church, Julian Neil. Mr. Brees was a student of Shurtleff College and has done splendid work at Hillsboro, but he has heard the call of his country for service and left for a training camp May 25th.

**THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF BAPTIST
BENEFICENCE**

Matters are moving on at the office quite smoothly and offerings are coming in well for this time of year. Churches may save time and postage by sending all offerings on apportionment directly to this office so that the offices of the individual societies may not be obliged to forward the offerings which are sent them to the central collecting agency. This of course will adjust itself as the churches become more familiar with the new unified method. We have our fine new set of loose-leaf ledgers and receipt books specially printed to meet the needs of the office and to keep the accounts of the eight coöperating organizations. Indeed there are now eleven different objects included since the State Apportionment Committee, by order of the State Convention, has included three philanthropic organizations in its list. The complete list and the entire state apportionment are as follows:

Joint Foreign Missions (two societies)	\$68,900.00
Joint Home Missions (two societies)	44,650.00
American Baptist Publication Society	8,850.00
Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board	7,070.00

Education Board of the Northern Baptist Convention	7,160.00
Illinois Baptist State Convention	25,000.00
Christian Education in Illinois	5,000.00
Hudelson Orphanage	5,000.00
Maywood Old People's Home	5,000.00
Maywood Children's Home	5,000.00
Total	\$181,630.00

The sum total represents a considerable increase over last year, but with care and persistence from the beginning through to the very end of the year, Illinois Baptists can surely "make good" on this program. It is a much smaller sum than the total raised this last year for the regular apportionment and the Million Campaign combined. It should be a help to our church treasurers to be able to send a single remittance to a single office as is the case now. Relieved from the wear and worry which were formerly required for dividing up the benevolent offering in varying percentage and then in finding out just where to send each portion, we may put the energy once thus wasted into pushing the raising of the total amount of our beneficence and sending it in *frequently and regularly*. Our Baptist secretaries in Michigan and Indiana tell me that their best churches are nearly all sending in their money for all of the missionary objects monthly. It can be readily done under the single collecting agency plan.

The churches of Illinois have been receiving their apportionments from the indefatigable secretary of the State Apportionment Committee, the Rev. B. E. Allen. It will, perhaps, require

some special planning to meet successfully the increase in the amounts asked, especially as the most of our churches have already adopted their church missionary budgets for the year, which may be upon a smaller scale. The Southern California Convention has adopted a fine plan to secure the raising of their large apportionment. They are using some of the methods of the recent Laymen's Million Campaign. Each association through its leaders, has resolved to meet the apportionment, and it is planned that just before the associations meet in June each church shall be represented in a conference where the campaign will be set up for carrying the apportionment to victory in each local church. Laymen from one church will help another church when desired. Illinois, the leader of the great mid-west, should set an example to all of the states in this notable year. Augustine S. Carman, Secretary, 19 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago.

A VOICE FROM FRANCE

The Executive Committee of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, is pleased to announce that the Rev. Reuben Saillens, D.D., of Paris, the outstanding Baptist leader of France, and probably the peer among preachers of all the evangelical churches of that country, who has just arrived in America, has accepted an invitation to give the principal address on the opening night of the convention at Cedar Rapids, Thursday, July 4.

James Asa White.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville, has been visiting and preaching for some of

the separate Baptist churches around Charleston.

The Fairfield church seems to be doing successful work under the care of Rev. Samuel Hoekstra. At a recent business meeting of the church, they voted to get along on fifty dollars less help from the State Convention than they received last year, and twenty-five dollars less than was offered them by the State Convention Board. The church seems to be coming up on every member canvass, both for home expenses and missions, and the pastor is much encouraged with the outlook on that field.

The following letter was addressed to Rev. N. T. Hafer:

"Dear Dr. Hafer:

"I just want to write a line and thank you for coming down and conducting services at Kemper. I assure you I appreciate the work you did those few days, it has meant much to the church and your many suggestions have been and will be a great help to me. Very sorry I had to leave in such a hurry Sunday night. Thanking you again for your assistance.

"John S. Brinkman."

Rev. James M. Wilson, our missionary pastor at Oglesby, expresses himself as greatly encouraged with the aggressive work in that city. Souls are being saved and added to the church.

Rev. C. E. Pool, pastor of the Pekin church expresses himself as very much encouraged with the work in that city. This church raised \$145 on the Million Dollar Fund and the people showed great interest in the Liberty Bond Fund. The pastor says, "We have a splendid membership. Several of the leading men and women of this city are members of our church."

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A Great Local Missionary Movement



Great changes are taking place in a section of the south side of Chicago. For quite a number of years there have been a large number of negroes living in a section of the city on the south side, but within the past two years, possibly several tens of thousands of negroes have come in from the south and located in that part of the city. This black belt completely surrounds the First Baptist church on Thirty-first street. Its building is a great stone structure, one of the largest and finest in the city. The Olivet church, a Negro Baptist church at 27th and Dearborn streets, now has more than 7,000 members. The First church sold its property to this Negro Baptist church for \$80,000. It could not be replaced with the price of the lot for possibly \$170,000. The white Baptists helped these colored brethren in starting on this great purchase. The State Convention Board gave \$1,000. The Executive Council in Chicago gave \$4,000, the Home Mission Society gave \$5,000 and perhaps the Woman's Home Mission Society will help some. It is not the purpose of the Olivet church to move its location, but to build up a mission in the First church.

It seems to some of us, that if we

can get an able and consecrated missionary for that field that a church of 2,000 members might be gathered in six or two years. Possibly the Home Mission Society and the Women's Home Mission Society will aid in the mission work there. On Thursday night, June 27th, the First church held a farewell meeting. It was a meeting well attended and of very deep interest. They will not give up the property until September 15th, yet many of the members were going away for the summer, and so the meeting was held this early in the summer. The First church and its splendid pastor, Dr. Main, will start again on a new location, but will not attempt to build until after the war, and in the meantime they will worship with the Memorial church. The pastor expressed the thought very strongly that the church will not go out of business, but is planning large things for the future.

Mrs. R. J. W. Reed of Olney, Ill., whose husband was a minister, desires to sell his library or any such books as may be salable. Anyone desiring commentaries, histories, etc., might do well to write Mrs. Reed with regard to these books.

A NEW ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 17, a goodly number of Baptist men and women met in Olney, from the Olney, Louisville and Palestine Associations, to consider the matter of organizing a new association. Among these people were four pastors. Some of these churches were greatly dissatisfied in being pulled off by a majority of the churches in their associations, from the State Convention and the charitable and educational institutions of Illinois and from the affiliated societies of the Northern Baptist Convention and joined up with the Southern Baptist Convention. They have no criticism to make upon the Baptists of the south and if they were located south of the Ohio River they would work with the south, but they are living in a northern state, one of the grandest states in the North, the state that produced Lincoln and Grant and Logan. A state that has all its interest with the north, a state in which all denominations work with their brethren in the north except a section of the Baptists in southern Illinois. These churches feel that their spiritual life is being destroyed by being associated with churches in associations where all the larger work, if done at all, is carried on contrary to their ways of thinking. So they resolved unanimously to recommend to the churches that they form a new association and as soon as four or more churches have voted favorably upon the recommendation of this council, the officers are authorized to prepare a program for the meeting to be held at Olney, September 19-20. Rev. W. E. Pool, pastor at Olney was elected chairman of the Council, and Rev. I. C. Tedford of Hutsonville, secretary and treasurer.

If the association is fully organized, it will probably be named the Wabash Valley Baptist Association of Illinois.

ILLINOIS AND THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

The pressing things with reference to the war may cause us to neglect some great demands upon us close at home. The National Congress has submitted a Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution for the whole United States. As soon as thirty-six states or three-fourths of all the states, have ratified the amendment, it becomes a law. Twelve states have already ratified it. Some of them are not prohibition states. If we are to get a legislature in Illinois that will adopt the amendment next winter, temperance people must begin to work now. The election of legislators will take place next November, but the primary election will be held September 11. The success of this great temperance opportunity will depend upon the kind of men that are nominated. It is not so much difference whether they be Republican or Democrat, but it is all important that they be temperance men. Let every Baptist who is entitled to vote go to the primary September 11, and vote for a man who he is sure will vote right on the amendment.

"The Billy Sunday campaign in Providence, Rhode Island, will open on Sunday, September 22, instead of September 8, as was the original intention. In accepting the new arrangement Mr. Sunday says that 'the progress of the meetings must determine the length of the campaign.' The site selected for the tabernacle is opposite the Bucklin street playground, just off of Elmwood avenue, formerly on Princeton, Bucklin and Whitmarsh streets. The building will not be so large as those used in Boston and New York, and the estimated cost of erection is \$25,000, with \$50,000 to cover all the expenses of the campaign."

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NOW is the time when people ought to keep up their subscriptions to the Bulletin. The news from the churches and associations will fill the September and October numbers and they ought to be in the hands of all Illinois Baptists.

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WE will probably make the August number a Sunday School Edition with matter in it for State Convention Sunday School day, September 22nd. That day is observed as State Convention day in the Sunday Schools in all the states, north and south.

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MANY of our Baptist pastors seem to be restless and anxious to go into some kind of service for the government. Some are going as chaplains and some as Y. M. C. A. workers, others are anxious to go as private soldiers if the limit is increased to forty years. Some others want to work in construction service and some as ship carpenters.

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WE appreciate this spirit of loyalty on the part of our pastors; but they should remember that we are needing religious work in the churches as never before. This is a time when everybody is needed to do his best, and no one has a larger task in the interest

of humanity and civilization than our missionaries, evangelists and pastors.

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S HURTLEFF College honored herself and the denomination this year by giving the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity to Rev. Samuel J. Skevington, pastor of the Belden Ave., Church, Chicago. Dr. Skevington has proved himself, since coming to Chicago, to be a scholarly and able thinker and a constructive and successful worker.

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THE influence of the war has not yet driven the women of America into the fields for farm work as they are doing in Europe, but in many other lines they are taking the place of men; in office work, running elevator cars and in some places taking the place of street car conductors. The writer was in a large railroad station in Chicago at midnight recently and saw a number of women scrubbing and cleaning the station in all parts of it, work that formerly was done by men.

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THE Editor was invited June 25th to be present at a splendid dinner in Bloomington to about 560 McLean County soldier boys starting for an encampment in Georgia. Ex-Governor Fifer gave them a good address. These young men are going with other thousands and hundreds of thousands and millions of our Americans from productive work, to spend possibly years fighting a league of nations who are trying to destroy self-government and the liberty of mankind. It is hard to see these men go and yet we are glad to have them go, for if we do not win in this struggle, this world will not be worth living in.

NEGRO STATE CONVENTION

The Baptist State Convention of colored people met with the First Negro Baptist church in Cairo, June 12-14. There was a good attendance, and representative colored men and women from all over the state were there. The Editor of the Bulletin attended two sessions. They seemed to be having a good meeting. Our negro brethren are greatly improving in their state work. The women seemed to be quite active in this annual meeting. Dr. Williams, pastor of Olivet church, Chicago, made a great address on Thursday night. We expect that in a few years one of the great religious forces of the state will be the Negro Baptist State Convention.

DEDICATION

Two years ago this summer we arranged for Rev. J. M. Osborne to undertake our mission work in East Moline for one-half time. He did not get fully into the work until that fall. Almost everything was gone, no Sunday School, no preaching services, a few discouraged members and a Ladies' Aid Society and a good and partly paid for lot. Within a little more than a year and one-half on half time preaching Brother Osborne has led these people to build a \$23,000 meeting house on the best lot for that purpose in the city. It was dedicated Sunday, June 2nd. It is a beautiful and well constructed building. There were 162 in the Sunday School that morning. The three services were good. In the morning and at night the editor of the Bulletin preached, and conducted the money raising campaign in all three of the services. Nearly \$4,500 were raised.

A splendid spirit prevailed in all the meetings. Mr. William Taze and his wife have led in the financial affairs of the church from the beginning, but many others have been as loyal and as liberal according to their means.

Brother Osborne has been laboring in that section of the Association for seven years and has had great success. The State Convention and the Missionary Committee of the Rock Island Association have now arranged for him to become the pastor of the East Moline, Watertown and Silvis churches with a good assistant pastor. Thirty-five or forty were ready to become members of the East Moline church soon after the dedication.

AN EXPLANATION

In the June number of the Bulletin we wrote an editorial upon the subject of State Convention Finance. We made a reference to the \$67,000 raised in Illinois on the Layman's Million Dollar Drive. A few persons thought that the Editor expressed a regret that some portion of that fund did not go to the State Convention and the Executive Council in Chicago. If such an impression was made, it was not intended. The Editor had a vote in planning for the distribution of the \$1,000,000 fund and it went as he voted and he gave a small government bond as his contribution, and he has not changed his sentiments. What he aimed to express was a fear that there might be a falling down on the State Convention finances because of this drive and for the past three months this has proven to be true, but we rejoice that this Laymen's movement helped the National Societies to close the year free from debt.

CORRECTION

The Peoria Association minutes of last year contains an error with regard to the time of the meeting of the Association. They state that the Association will meet September 21-23 and the State Convention Annual publishes it that way. The correct time for the meeting of the Association is September 18-20. This correction was made on the cover of the Association minutes, but the minutes were furnished our State Convention secretary before the cover was put on them and hence he was not responsible for this error that occurs in the minutes. Let everyone take note that the time is September 18-20.

PERSONAL

Rev. A. P. Renn, formerly pastor at Arcola, Illinois, has become the assistant evangelist of Dr. Biederwolf. Mr. Renn is reported to have preached recently at the First Baptist church and also the Tabernacle church at Newport News, Va. He resigned the pastorate at Arcola and began the evangelistic work with Biederwolf about one and a half years ago.

Rev. L. E. Ellison, pastor of the Baptist church at Arcola, writes, "The church has given me six months' leave to engage in Y. M. C. A. work among the boys in southern camps. They will continue the salary and Mrs. Ellison will continue the work here during this leave. I am to report to San Antonio, Texas, June 19th. I received an appointment for overseas work but owing to the fact that I have two brothers over there now and another in the training camps, my mother thought I had better not go for a while and I yielded to her request."

Rev. E. A. Hobbs of Pekin, wrote June 4th from Ocoya that he was working the Ocoya, Chenoa, and Towanda churches and hoped at that time to be able to establish a pastorate on these three fields. We believe that Brother Hobbs is the kind of man for that type of work and hope that he will succeed. Those fields can all do splendid work if they will fairly unite their forces and get a good pastor. We hope Brother Hobbs is succeeding, although we have not heard directly for almost a month.

Rev. John Morris of Ashley, father of W. B. Morris, our Sunday School Director, is very sick at this writing. Brother Morris could not attend the Aurora Association on account of his father's illness. The old Welsh grandfather and his son, Rev. John Morris, living at Ashley, eighty-five years of age, and his son, W. B. Morris, have preached in all, 159 years. The grandfather and father preached each about sixty-five years and W. B. has been preaching twenty-nine years. This is a remarkable record of three generations of preachers in one family.

The Editor spent Friday night, June 14th, with Rev. J. W. Patterson, pastor of the Second church in Mt. Vernon. They hold a Wednesday night prayer meeting at the church and a Friday night prayer meeting at the home of one of the members. That night they had planned for a cottage prayer meeting at the pastor's home. It was exceedingly hot weather and yet ten men, thirteen women and eight children came to that meeting and they continued the services for nearly two hours. It was one of the best prayer meetings he has been in for a long

while. The Editor spent Saturday night and Sunday morning with Rev. Samuel Hoekstra, pastor at Fairfield. Most of the young men from the Fairfield church have gone into the army, but Brother Hoekstra and his wife seem to be very highly appreciated and are doing a good work. He spent Sunday night with the Flora church. Rev. C. H. Wells has been pastor there about eight months and seems to be doing a good work. The weather was excessively hot, but we had quite a good congregation of people and they seem to appreciate the work of their pastor. Sunday night and Monday he spent at the home of Pastor Pool at Olney. This church sent both the pastor and his wife to the Northern Baptist Convention and paid their expenses. They are very highly appreciated by the Olney people and there is the most hopeful outlook in that church that we have known in the past twenty years.

It seems to us that no denomination is giving so many of its ministers to work among men in the army as the Baptists. We are furnishing many men for Y. M. C. A. work and for chaplains, and many of our greatest pastors are going into work as camp pastors or as general workers both at home and in France.

Dr. Cornelius Woelkin, pastor of the 5th Ave. Baptist church, New York City, has sailed to Europe to spend six months among the soldiers.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, the greatest preacher in the Southern Baptist Convention, has been released by his church to spend six months among the soldiers.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Rock River Association met with the South Church, Belvidere, June 4-5. There was a fair attendance, but not large for the combined Associations of Rock River and Dixon. Not many of the former Dixon Association people were present. The meetings were good and all interests well discussed. The evangelistic work of the Association seems to have been at a low ebb. There are twenty-seven churches which reported last year, 4,001 members. Eight churches reported no baptisms and the others reported about seventy-five baptisms altogether. The missionary reports were quite good.

The Rock Island Association met in Moline, June 11-13. The enrollment was quite good, but not a large attendance all through. The possession of so many automobiles by our Baptist people makes the Associational attendance much more irregular than formerly. In some cases large numbers will attend one session, and only one. When the roads are good people can now travel forty miles for one session and return home the same night. The Rock Island Association people claim that June is a bad time for them and they have changed back to the old time in September. Nearly all the churches in the Rock Island Association are supplied with pastors. The churches reported more baptisms than the year before. The total number baptized was about one hundred forty.

The Ottawa Association met in Amboy, June 20-21. The attendance at the Young People's meeting was very large. Everything was crowded. The banquet was largely attended and good. The other sessions were not largely at-

tended. The Association voted unanimously to go back to their old time of meeting in September. Proper attention was given to all denominational interests. The church entertained the Association well and furnished splendid music. The baptisms reported will not number over about seventy reported from all the churches. The past winter was very much against evangelistic work, but in other respects the churches seem to have kept up good interest during the past year.

The Aurora Association met with the Claim St. church, Aurora, June 25-27. A splendid program had been arranged and Claim St. meeting house was in splendid condition for the meetings. Pastor Steven and his people took good care of the delegates. The ladies of the Park Place church served meals in the basement and the three other churches assisted in the entertainment. The attendance was quite good and on the whole, it seemed to be the best meeting of the Aurora Association that we have attended for several years. There were considerably more baptisms reported than the year before.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JUNE

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aurora, D. W. Simpson, (S. E. F.)..	\$ 10.00
Alton, Mr. W. H. Enos, (S. E. F.)..	30.00
American Baptist Publication Society ad in Annual.....	20.00
Baptist Old People's Home exp. of Apportionment	4.72
*Belvidere—South Church	39.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	41.30
Chicago and Eastern Illinois R. R. Rebate .....	.90
F. L. Church, (S. E. F.).....	68.72
Cordova Church	20.00
Danvers, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Scaggs, (S. E. F.)	25.00
Dixon Church	39.00

F. M. Dunk, (S. E. F.).....	16.50
*Elgin—Immanuel Church	19.00
*Farmington Church	26.00
*Geneseo Church	8.00
Galesburg, H. W. Snouse, (S. E. F.)	10.00
Griggsville, E. J. Harrington, (S. E. F.)	5.00
Hopkins Park Church	11.40
Home Mission Society Evangelistic Fund	137.04
Interest	12.50
Jacksonville, Chas. H. Story, (S. E. F.)	5.00
*Lincoln Church	45.00
*McLean Church	6.00
Minonk, W. S. Davison, (S. E. F.)..	25.00
Monmouth, M. Ida Fairchild, (S. E. F.)	10.00
Nokomis, Rev. N. J. Smith.....	2.00
*Oquawka Church	16.00
Osceola Church	28.40
*Plano Church	1.00
Rent, House rent, Westville, Okla.	8.00
Rent, Rent of St. Charles Church....	30.00
*Rockford—State St. Church.....	20.00
Stillman Valley Church	33.75
Stonington Church—New	30.35
Tiskilwa Church	12.00
Taylorville, Jas. M. Taylor, (S. E. F.)	5.00
Wyanet, Frank B. Johnson, (S. E. F.)	2.00
Woodstock Church	5.05
Total	\$828.63

Some of the Illinois Associations will meet as follows:

Association	Place	Time
Greene-Jersey	Jerseyville	Aug. 28-29
Macoupin Co.	Union	Aug. 28
Salem	Macomb	Sept. 3
Central Illinois	Havana	Sept. 4-5
Bloomington	Delavan	Sept. 10-12
Bloomfield	Arthur	Sept. 11-13
Quincy		Sept. 17-18
Wabash Valley	Olney	Sept. 19-20
Peoria	Toulon	Sept. 18-20
Alton	Cherry St. Alton	Sept. 25-27
Southern Ill.	Frankfort Hts	Sept. 25
Springfield	Zenobia	Oct. 2
Morgan Scott Co. Ashland		Oct. 3-4

CHURCHES

The Carrollton church has invited its former pastor, Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., to leave the Y. M. C. A. work and again take up the pastorate at Carrollton at an increase in salary of \$200. Brother Mundell will probably return to the place where they love and appreciate him so much.

The Kane church has called its pastor, Rev. R. P. Gasaway, for another year at an increase in salary of \$200. Brother Gasaway seems to be getting along well with the Kane church.

Rev. E. C. Shute, pastor of the Baptist church at Chatsworth, writes as follows: "I am aiming at a Bulletin in every Baptist home in Chatsworth, and I believe we shall make it. I am glad to say that the work is progressing. One of the most impressing features is the deep and growing interest in the direct Bible study and we believe that the Lord is blessing the word."

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Evangelist Francis L. Church assisted Pastor Neubauer in a three weeks' meeting in Charleston in the month of June. It was a difficult time to hold a meeting on that field and yet there was considerable success. At the last reports thirty had united with the Baptist church, all by baptism except four and quite a number had promised to come the following Sunday. The people expressed their appreciation of Brother Church by a fairly liberal offering. Our evangelist is now engaged in a tent meeting at Chillicothe.

Rev. Jas. M. Wilson, our missionary pastor at Oglesby, baptized six persons Sunday, June 9th, and received two by letter and baptized three on Wednesday evening after prayer meeting. He says, "They are coming slow but sure. Keep on praying for us."

Rev. Frank M. Dunk closed a three weeks' meeting at Reynolds recently. This church had been without a pastor for about one and one-half years and was in a very low condition. The meeting seems to have been of some

benefit in working up renewed interest in the church. Brother Dunk is spending a week including two Sundays in June, with the Erie church that recently became pastorless.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard closed his work at Dixon after a pastorate of two and one-half years. From the reports found in the Dixon papers there seems to have been a good deal of interest in his closing services. He preached his farewell sermon June 9th. Brother Stoddard did good work in Dixon and especially among the Boy Scouts. He has gone out of the pastorate for the present and has accepted a position as a salesman of silos and tractor engines. He is working for a Bloomington firm. There is no doubt but what Brother Stoddard will succeed in his business, but he always got along well in the pastorate and we regret to have him leave at this time. We hope he will see his way clear to return to the ministry in the near future.

Rev. J. B. Little, who did such a splendid work in organizing the church and building the meeting house at Hopkins Park, and from there took the church at Morocco, Indiana, has resigned that field and expects to return to Chicago to pursue a course of study for a few years. Almost any church that is desiring supply work would do well to secure Brother Little as a supply while he remains in Chicago.

Rev. H. L. Mounce, after a pastorate of two years and two months at Erie, closed his work and accepted a call to Elvaston. He will live at Elvaston and give one-half his time to one of the Free Baptist churches that has come into that Association.

DEDICATION

The Pleasant Hill church in the Bay Creek Association, dedicated a \$10,000 meeting house June 2nd. Rev. Fenton Bartine, a student at LaGrange, Mo., has been pastor during the past year. Rev. A. E. Prince, pastor of the LaGrange church, preached the dedication sermon. After the preaching of the sermon they raised \$2,626.50 in less than one hour, which provided for all the indebtedness of the church.

In order that the readers of the Bulletin may know something of how highly our State Convention work among the students at the State University is appreciated, we print the following letter from Edmund J. James, president of the State University to Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our university pastor.

"Urbana-Champaign, Illinois,
June 6, 1918.

Reverend Martin S. Bryant,
807 South 4th Street,

Champaign, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Bryant:

I take great pleasure in sending to you, with the compliments of the University, a copy of the first volume of the Semi-centennial History of the University of Illinois, prepared by Doctor Burt E. Powell. This is a slight token of the recognition of the University authorities for the valuable and uplifting work, which you have done for the students of the University of Illinois.

Faithfully yours,
Edmund J. James."

It is said that there are 1,000 John Browns and 1,500 William Smiths in our new Army. God bless them, and may their tribe increase.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

By Rev. N. T. Hafer, S. T. D.

Our missionary, Hafer, seems to have spent a good deal of time in preparing this document. He puts it in the form of forty questions and answers. Dr. Hafer aims to give in these forty questions and answers a clear and definite statement of the doctrines and practices as they exist among Baptists in the northern states. It is a well thought up and ably written document. Perhaps not all the Baptists of the north would fully agree with him on every point, but in a general way he makes quite clear the doctrinal sentiment of the great body of northern Baptists. Some of the interesting questions that he deals with are, Alien Immersion, Church Succession, Close Communion, Perseverance of the Saints, Deity of Christ, Causes of Division among the Baptists in Southern Illinois, etc., etc. Brother Hafer published this leaflet at his own expense and anyone who desires to distribute them among their people can secure these leaflets at a small price. Anyone can secure a dozen copies for forty cents. Concerning this document the author writes, "Being a discussion of many things baptistic upon which difference of opinion has been observed in Illinois, the writer desires only that the spirit of the work of the Illinois Baptist State Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention should be appreciated. In the doctrinal conclusions herein given no authority but the Bible is recognized. Our purpose is not controversial, but to serve the cause of a better fellowship by a clearer understanding."

UPPER ALTON

"Mr. Magill has been pastor at the Upper Alton church for six months, during which time there have been 17 additions by letter and nine by baptism. There are more candidates for baptism. About \$1,200.00 has been raised in special efforts; of this amount only \$75.00 was for the work of the local church.

Recently the pastor and President Potter headed the opposition to a "War Chest" plan in the community at a public meeting. The opposition was successful. A Red Cross drive was put on in the church on a Sunday morning. The pastor with red chalk built up a red cross as the contributions came in. Five hundred forty six dollars was raised in 20 minutes. The fund has since gone up to more than \$750.00.

Mr. Magill went to Kalamazoo to preach the sermon before the religious societies of the college on Sunday morning, June 16th., this being the first number of the commencement program."

ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL

"The Illinois Centennial Commission is desirous of having a special centennial sermon preached in every pulpit in the state some time during this year. Material for these sermons will be sent the pastors upon application to Dr. Royal W. Ennis, Chairman State-Wide Celebration Committee, Mason City, Ill., or to Mr. Hugh S. Magill, Jr., Director, Springfield, Ill.

Yours very truly,
Royal W. Ennis,
Pastor M. E. Church."

AIKEN INSTITUTE

Aiken Institute, in the old building of the Second Church in Chicago, is

doing a great work. For the first time in the history of the Institute it closed the year with a small balance in the treasury. The whole denomination is back of this institution and it is reaching a large number of people of all nationalities in that part of Chicago.

The Ministers' Conference in Chicago met with the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary at the Second Baptist Church in Chicago, June 3. Quite a number of men who have spent time in the soldier encampments, made addresses with regard to the type of church the soldier boys will need when they come home. The speakers were Thomas, Skevington, Miller, Main and Stiffler. They made excellent addresses and seemed to be true to their convictions of Gospel truth and the kind of church the world will need in the newer times coming. The Second Church people gave all who were present an excellent dinner. The attendance was large and the after dinner speeches with regard to the good work the school is doing were very interesting.

The attendance at the Convention in Atlantic City as finally reported was registered delegates and visitors, 2,450, the largest attendance in the history of the Convention except when it met in Philadelphia and Boston.

The churches of the Ottawa Association reported one hundred thirty-nine Baptist men who have gone into the United States service from that Association. Two lives have been lost up to this date.

The General War-Time Commission of the Federal Council of Churches is making quite an effort to bring to the most of the country churches the necessity of faithful and systematic co-operation in agricultural work for the use of the country and the government in these war times. There is no class of people in the nation that has a greater opportunity to do some successful work in winning the victory in this great world war than the farming communities. Every extra bushel of grain, fruit and vegetables raised and cared for, as well as stock and poultry, will help in winning this war, for in a very great measure we must not only feed our own people and our soldiers at the front, but also our allies in this great conflict.

"Some time ago the city of Baltimore offered a prize of \$1,000 for the best creed for an American citizen. One that should embody the deepest principles and truest ideals of American citizenship. The prize has just been awarded to William Tyler Page, of Friendship Heights, Maryland, who is a descendant of John Tyler, once President of the United States, and Carter Braxton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His creed reads, 'I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union one and inseparable, established upon such principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore

believe it my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.'"

"John D. Rockefeller, jr., has offered to the Government for a Federal Base Hospital the \$2,000,000 Billings estate, on the north crest of Washington Heights, Borough of Manhattan, New York, which he purchased last summer, together with other estates adjoining, comprising fifty-seven acres in all. Plans for the new use of the property have been completed, and contracts for work to be done involve an outlay exceeding \$500,000. In addition to remodeling the great house, many frame structures are to be built at vantage points around the estate. This will become one of the most important base hospitals in that country. Mr. Rockefeller intends to present the property eventually to New York city for a public park. He is said to have paid for the various estates composing it nearly \$5,000,000."

"Farm products in the United States reached the unprecedented value of \$19,443,849,381 last year, an increase of more than \$6,000,000,000 over 1916, and almost \$9,000,000,000 more than in 1915. A preliminary estimate just announced by the Department of Agriculture shows that crops were valued at \$13,610,462,782, or about seventy per cent. of the value of all farm products. Animals and animal products were valued at \$5,833,386,599, an increase of almost \$1,500,000,000 over 1916. In value of farm crops, not including animals and animal products, Illinois stands first, Texas second, and Iowa third. In 1916 the order was Texas, Iowa and Illinois."

"It is estimated that among our thirteen thousand ministers and missionaries of the Northern Baptist Convention, there are at least seven hundred who are in need. Shall we leave them there or will you aid in helping to establish this work?" These words are from the ministers and missionaries benefit board of the Northern Baptist Convention. Anyone who can give to the object of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Fund, may address E. T. Tomlinson, 23 E. 26th St., New York, N. Y. The Baptists are behind

almost all other denominations in the assistance which they give the work of our many needy ministers and missionaries, but for the past few years we line.

Two thousand three hundred Baptist boys have gone into the United States service from the Baptist churches of the Chicago Association.

A peculiar and valuable service for the Government is being performed by Rev. Novbert Capek, a Slovak missionary of Newark, N. J., who has been camp pastor for Foreign Speaking men at Camp Custer, Michigan. He speaks several languages and has proved of great use in discovering the educated men and leaders among the various groups. Some of these men stand very high and will be given positions of larger responsibility by the Government. Others will become interpreters, or hold subordinate places of trust and influence.

The Indian population of the United States exclusive of Alaska is given at 335,753. Including the five civilized tribes, 292,720 of the red men are known to wear modern attire, and 180,504 are citizens of the United States.

The North Orange, N. J., church during 1917 expended \$17,365 for current expenses and \$21,616.94 for benevolences, and gave to special appeals for the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Red Cross and Hospital work a sum approximating \$80,000.

The attitude of France toward American soldiers could not be more cordial or hospitable. A letter has been published in all French Protestant papers by Secretary Andre Monod suggesting possible methods of service for our boys on the part of French Protestant homes. Never before have so many kindly attentions been given to men under arms as in the present war.

Dr. E. T. Tomlinson recently received a letter from one of the beneficiaries of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board who had arrived at his eightieth birthday. In his ministry he had preached 8,610 sermons, baptized 3,100 persons, welcomed 5,200 new members, and attended 2,850 funerals. The veteran writes: "We sing 'God will take care of you.' Through the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board he is fulfilling his promise to me."

It is heartening to all missionary givers to learn that those for whom they labor are abounding in sincere appreciation, and in efforts to help themselves. Word comes from the Kodiak Baptist Orphanage, Alaska, that conservation of native products receives due attention. A canning outfit has rendered excellent service. An abundant supply of vegetables, halibut, salmon and beef was provided for winter use. It is good to know that the children in the Kodiak Orphanage are being trained in lessons of economy and profitable industry.

SONG OF THE WORLD WIDE GUILD

I

We are the Worth While Girls,
Helping our Lord above,
Spreading sunshine everywhere,
To those unknown of His love.

Oh, bring them the light,
Angels of heaven will help us,
Safely leading them to Him
To have their souls redeemed.

We, the daughters of the Lord,
Will try to work for the world,
Gathering others to help us win
Souls encumbered with sin.

—Rose Law Yow, Seattle.

II

Tune: O Day of Rest and Gladness.
We girls of 'wakening China,
Hearts full of joy and cheer.
Of God we are the helpers,
Through this, the World Wide Guild.
Our highest loyal spirits
'Tis here we best can show
To God, our heavenly Father,
Who daily guides our work.

For hope of light and gladness
In dark hearts of sad ones,
Strive we our aim with effort
And faith and courage blessed.
Oh, may our emblem of Blue
And Gold forever stand,
For the helping hands of God
Our guide and glorious King.

—May G. Woo, Seattle.

(We give these songs to show how the Chinese girls are striving to express their love and devotion in English. The ideas, rather than the form, are significant.)—Missions.

At the 107th convocation of the University of Chicago, held on June 11, many degrees were conferred. The convocation address was delivered by Sir George Adam Smith, of the University of Aberdeen.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

On June 8th was held the Anniversary of the Old People's Home. A very enjoyable time was had, but the attendance was quite disappointing. Of course we are all busy in one way or another and many have accepted obligations which are impossible of performance, simply because, even under the new "daylight saving" arrangement there are not enough hours in the day. But, nevertheless, one of our most important denominational responsibilities is our Maywood Home, and we urge upon our people that they shall not allow their activities in this direction to become a matter of secondary importance. One of the pleasant events of the day was the meeting again our Brother Osgood, of the Austin church, and listening to his words of encouragement and cheer, honest commendation of the work performed by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Osgood was, during the earlier years, a conscientious and hard working trustee, resigning his place with us only because of business responsibilities which made it impossible that he should serve.

Recent admissions are Miss Anthony, of the Morgan Park church, and Miss Randall; also Miss Mary Shandrew, well known to a host of people, whose name is placed upon the waiting list.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, June 18th, the following names were submitted for membership: Hester J. Wheat, Nettie C. Fisher, Doileton Morgan, Isabella M. Head.

The following is an excerpt of the Annual Report of Application Committee:

Seventy-eight requests for a home, or for information, have been received. The largest number on record. Five requests repeated and one withdrawn. Seven accepted and in home, 5 accepted and not in. These requests have come from the lame, the halt and the blind, rich and poor, black and white. They have come from the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana and California.

It gives the Trustees great pleasure to announce a gift of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on June 1st, from the estate of Henry E. Southwell. Also from Trustee Mrs. Philo R. King, June 13th, \$500.00. This amount will serve as a nucleus of a building fund.

Among our pressing needs is that of \$250.00 to make first payment on ten cemetery lots. This would supply us with 80 interments, which would supply the needs of the Home for a number of years to come.

Dr. Smith Thomas Ford, of the Englewood Baptist church, has returned from the east and is at present at his home in the city. He will soon leave for his summer home in Michigan for a further period of rest. Dr. Ford was a member of the first Board of Directors, from which he resigned to devote his time to the Central Baptist Orphanage.

L. F. Ingersoll.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

Friday, June 7th, was a "3 in 1" day! Chicago Association was meeting in Morgan Park, and our vice-president, Mrs. Higman, opened her home to our Woman's State Board, extending an invitation to luncheon to all members.

Over thirty responded, while numerous regrets came from all parts of the state. After routine board business, the guests adjourned to the dining room and sun parlor. Sunshine, flowers, delicious refreshments, good fellowship prevailed. The day will always be one of the brightest pictures that hangs on "memory's wall."

Girls of Illinois! Attention! Come to our first State World Wide Guild Rally, September 28 and 29, in Chicago. Details later. Famous speakers, free entertainment by Chicago Guild girls. Begin planning now!

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

It is my earnest desire to realize the hope of seeing the remotest woman in all of our Baptist churches, reached, during this year, with missionary literature and urged to enlist her service for the great cause, of bringing into the lives of women and children the love of our Lord and to give, work and pray for the success of missions in all the world. The joint apportionments for Foreign Missions have gone out to the churches. Let there be no groan-

ing when received, but a splendid determination to do our very best.

Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge,
Foreign State Sec'y.

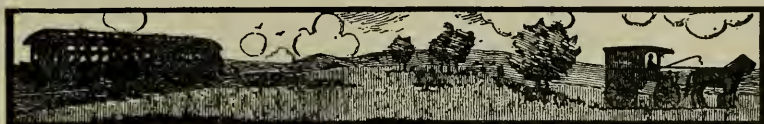
The young ladies are rapidly coming to the front in missionary enterprise. The vim and force which they are putting into it is laying a splendid foundation for the future when they will have charge of the work now being carried on by the older women.

The inter-denominational organization which embraces the middle states of the west, held its annual meeting at Winona Lake in connection with the Chautauqua recently held under the Inter-denominational Committee. Their banquet was attended by over 200 enthusiastic young women representing 17 denominations.

The Baptist young women of Illinois were honored by the election of their W. W. G. State Director, Miss Gladys Topping, of Elgin, as president of the Inter-denominational Organization. This is a responsible position but has come to one in every way well qualified to hold it.

At the meeting of the Chicago Association held the afternoons of June 6-7, in Morgan Park, a large portion of the afternoon of the 7th was occupied by representatives of the Woman's Baptist Mission Union of the Association.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.'

List of schools reported to the Northern Baptist Convention, 1918:

Name	Per Cent
Chicago (2nd), Kewanee, Lincoln, Minonk, Olney, each.....	100
Alton	80
Alpha	80
Arcola	75
Aurora (1st)	82
Aurora (Marion Ave.)	73
Chicago (Morgan Park)	80
Chicago (Covenant)	94
Chicago (Parkside)	74
Chicago (Tabernacle)	85
Carrollton	71
DeKalb	72
El Paso	90
Edinburg	74
Fairmount	74
Jacksonville	97
Mt. Carroll	78
Marengo	70
Peoria (1st)	94
Roodhouse	74
Rockford (State Street)	85
Rock Island (1st)	84
Taylorville	80
Urbana (1st)	72
Waverly	70
Waukegan	89
Bethel, Rock Island Asso.....	61
Chicago (Berwyn)	70
Chicago (Evanston)	60
Chicago (Bethany)	50
Chicago (Rogers Park)	61
Chicago (Hyde Park)	60
Chicago (Wentworth Ave.).....	65
Cambridge	51
Carthage	53
Chatsworth	54
Carlinville	54
Chrisman	59
Decatur (Riverside)	55
Eldred	59
Graymont	50
Hillsboro	57
Joliet (Ridgewood)	60
Kane	63
Manlius	52
Murphysboro	53
Mendota	57
Mattoon	60

Mt. Vernon (1st)	62
Mt. Vernon (2nd)	63
Osceola	59
Pontiac	58
Plainville	60
Robinson	57
Roseville	58
Sycamore	55
Savanna	62
Toulon	64

Grades, Standard (100), Star (70), Striving (50). Fifty-six other schools reported with lower grades.

List of Young People's Societies reported to the Northern Baptist Convention, 1918:

Name	Per Cent
A'bany Park (Chicago), Decatur (1st) Lincoln, Minonk, Normal, Oglesby, Rock Island, Wilmette, each.....	100
Arcola	88
Buda	88
Chicago (North Shore)	93
Kewanee	87
La Salle	90
Mt. Vernon (1st)	84
Osceola	86
Bradford	69
Chatsworth	68
Cornell	68
Chatham	66
Champaign (1st)	71
DeKalb	60
Delavan	62
Galva	72
Morrison	68
Momence	76
Manlius	60
Mattoon	66
New Berlin	62
Peoria	68
Rockford	68
Taylorville	71
Urbana	71
Waverly	60

Grades, Standard (100), Star (80), Striving (60). Thirty-six other societies reported with lower grades.

"BAPTIST AND METHODIST STATISTICS"

Our editorial of May 16 concerning the relative strength of the Baptists and Methodists in the United States has aroused much interest, and in some quarters the accuracy of our statements has been questioned. Only today the Year Book of the Churches for 1918 issued by the Federal Council of Churches has come to hand. The statistics contained therein bear out our contention that the Baptists, numerically speaking, are now the leading denomination in the United States. Northern Baptists have 1,227,448 members; Southern Baptists, 2,711,591, and the Colored Convention, 3,018,341. The Methodist Episcopal church has 3,718,396 members and the Southern Methodist church, 2,108,061. After giving these figures the Year Book says: 'The three branches of Baptists together comprise 6,957,380 members, but if all seventeen Baptist bodies are included the total Baptist membership is increased to 7,236,650. Similarly the two principal Methodist bodies together comprise 5,826,457 members, but if all Methodist bodies, seventeen in number, are included, the total Methodist membership is increased to 7,165,986.' This puts the Baptists ahead by 70,664. Let us continue to bear in mind, however, that 'bigness' is not 'greatness.'"—Watchman Examiner.

The First Baptist meeting house in Chicago, which has recently been sold to the Negro Baptists was built forty-two years ago and is reported to have cost \$170,000.

ONLY THREE MONTHS

From July first until October first is only three months. One of them is August, when very many pastors are taking vacations and many laymen and women are away from home, and yet these three months are all we have to save the Convention from an embarrassing debt. Will not every pastor see to it that every effort is made to raise the entire State Convention Apportionment? Do not put this off until September if it can be done earlier. The Convention Board does not plan to use more money than is apportioned to the churches. If the churches fall down on raising their share, we will be compelled to face a deficit.

THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF BAPTIST BENEFICENCE

Augustine S. Carman, Sec'y.

A startling yet highly encouraging experience came to the Secretary of the Board of Beneficence on the occasion of his first visit to an Illinois Association in his present official relation. It was the Rock River Association, held at Belvidere, June 4 and 5. When the Secretary explained the new apportionment for the current year with its sharp advance of 25% upon that of last year, and endeavored to give the reasons, connected with the great war, for the advance, he was almost given an attack of heart-failure by finding a strong sentiment in favor of a still higher apportionment. For five years, as Secretary of the General Apportionment Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention he had been accustomed to remonstrances from the various states at the amount of the apportionment assigned them, but this year the apportionment which marked by far the largest increase of any year, has been more cheerfully received by the states than ever before; and, judging from the spirit of the associations in Illinois thus far held, the churches themselves accept the new conditions in the same fine spirit.

The war with its sacrifices, economies, generousities and big achievements is doing something for our churches that perhaps could have been accomplished in no other way. Horizons are widened, big ideas get hold of us. "A Million Dollars an hour for War and a Nickel in the Contribution Box" does not make a popular slogan in these days. We are finding, as all denominations are, that we can do big things not only for our Country, but for the Kingdom.

19 South La Salle St., Chicago.

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Annual State Convention Sunday School Day Sept. 22



All the states in the Union north and south have agreed upon the fourth Sunday in September as a State Convention Sunday School Day. This year it occurs on the 22nd of September. The committee of the organization of the Secretaries and Superintendents of the states of the Northern Baptist Convention proposed a peculiar program that some states may be able to carry out successfully and some schools in all the states may be able to make it a success; but the Superintendent and those with whom he has consulted believe it would be impractical for a large portion of Illinois, and we believe that we can work up a program of our own that will be far more practical for this state than the one proposed.

In this issue of the Bulletin we have given several pages to a Sunday School program for Sunday School day in September. Each pastor and superintendent will be expected to adopt as much of this material as they shall need in the local school. We are publishing two Illinois songs in this issue. We also suggest that in these war times "America" be sung at that service.

We do not ask the schools to turn over any of their regular collection for the Convention but request that a free-

will offering at the close of the program be made for State Convention work. The outline given in the program will enable the pastor, and Superintendent and teachers to add much along State Convention lines that will interest the pupils. Every pastor has a State Convention Annual. In that, on page thirty-three, will be found the beginning of the report of the work last year and they can find much material for a helpful talk in the Sunday School at this session. Any Sunday School that desires some historical matter and will write to the Editor of the Bulletin, he will send a little booklet entitled "Outlines of Illinois Baptist History."

There is no special day that is observed by the denomination of more vital importance than this Sunday School day for the State Conventions. We hope Illinois will not fall behind other states in trying to interest and enthuse the young people upon the subject of State Convention work in this Sunday School program.

We suggest that in each school the pastor or superintendent give at least a fifteen minute address upon State Convention work and in many cases it would be nice for the pastor to follow up this Sunday School program by

preaching a sermon at the morning service upon State Missions and State Convention work.

DEDICATION

The Editor and his wife spent Sunday, July 21st, with the Orion church where he became pastor twenty-seven years ago. They have just put in a new pipe organ and repairs on the meeting house amounting to about \$5,500. The opening services were very interesting. The people will take care of the finances and the matter was not brought up on the day of the rededication. The main auditorium and side room were well filled both morning and night. The church quite recently located Rev. H. F. Holbrook, who had supplied at the church at Bushnell for two years while attending college at Monmouth. The people and pastor seemed well pleased with each other. Monday night, July 29th, the Editor preached a patriotic sermon at Alpha, where Rev. G. W. Wright has been pastor for about four months. This is a good strong church and they seem to greatly appreciate the pastor during the short time he has been on the field.

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH LETTERS

When letters, sent up by the churches are being read at the Associations, sometimes errors are found in the letters that astonish the pastor and delegates from the church whose letter is being read. It often appears as though neither the pastor nor delegates know what is in the letter until it is read at the Association. Is it possible that any church would be so careless and so negligent of the work as to allow its clerk or some one else to write the letter

and statistics and forward them to the Association without the church having carefully corrected them, and then having passed upon them by a vote of the church as a document representing the church? Let pastors and churches be careful in business matters of so great importance.

MILLION DOLLAR DRIVE A SUCCESS

It was almost the first of February before the Laymen got fairly started toward the Million Dollar Drive, and while almost all the work ceased March 31st, except in the Central office in New York, yet the matter has been kept before the public mind until completed. Nearly all the western states went promptly "over the top": Illinois raised about \$3,000 more than asked. There was a falling down of something more than \$100,000 but it was mostly in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New York and Massachusetts, but these brethren were appealed to and finally the full Million Dollars was secured, or will be as soon as all pledges are paid. This was a great victory for the laymen of our country, not only for the money raised, but for the new and enlarged interest in the Kingdom created in the hearts of laymen by this drive. The laymen's organization will be continued, not only for financial interests, but for all kinds of church and missionary work.

All moneys raised on the apportionments to the churches should be sent to the Single Collecting Agent, 19 South La Salle St., Chicago. This includes State Convention collections as well as other missionary funds. Send it to Rev. A. S. Carman, D.D., Y. M. C. A. Bldg., 19 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

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LET every reader and especially every pastor and superintendent, read the Sunday School program in this issue for the Sunday School State Convention Day, fourth Sunday in September, that is, September 22nd.

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IN almost any church where a club of the Bulletin is received this material will be sufficient, but any church that does not have a club of the Bulletin can get as many copies of this program as it needs by writing to the Editor.

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NOW is the time to push State Convention finances. Only one month after August. Everyone who can do anything toward raising the apportionment for State Convention should do it now and keep on at it until October 1st, if the whole apportionment is not raised sooner. These are unusual times and we should do unusual things for the State Convention.

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THE next two months will be a rushing time among our churches in attending local Associations. We hope that many laymen will take time to attend the Associations this fall, not just for one session, but during the whole two days. The time has come when our Baptist people must make religion the supreme thing of their lives or lose out in these great perilous times.

NOW is the time for people to begin to think and plan for the great Convention to be held in Kewanee, October 14-17. A splendid program has been almost completed, and we anticipate a fine meeting. A patriotic service will be given on Thursday night, the closing session. Let the people begin early to make their plans to attend.

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ALL kinds of products are nearly one hundred percent higher than they were three years ago or even two years ago. Cattle, hogs, wheat, corn, potatoes, all kinds of manufactured goods and wages all have gone up and some have doubled in two years. Is this the time to fall down on State Convention finances? Is this the time not to make great advances along this line of work? Are there not a score of men and women among our Baptist churches who have means and a good income that could make a special donation of \$100 or more to the state work this year? Do not wait to be seen, but send your contribution in as a free will offering.

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AMERICA has possibly 1,200,000 men in France and another 1,000,000 in America preparing to go soon. Possibly not more than 250,000 of our men participated in the late fighting that drove the Germans back from their attack on Paris. The American soldiers did very much in this defeat of the Germans; but what will it mean when we get 2,000,000 men in the fighting line and another 1,000,000 in preparation? Perhaps Germany will not surrender before Berlin is captured, but we believe now that it will be possible to capture the German capital within twelve or fifteen months.

Program and Material for STATE CONVENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

September 22nd.

SONG—ILLINOIS

By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois,
Illinois,
O'er thy prairies verdant growing, Illinois,
Illinois,
Comes an echo on the breeze,
Rustling thro' the leafy trees,
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois,
Illinois,
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois!

From a wilderness of prairies, Illinois,
Illinois,
Straight thy way and never varies, Illinois,
Illinois,
Till upon the inland sea
Stands Chicago, great and free,
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois,
Illinois,
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois!

When you heard your country calling, Illinois,
Illinois,
Where the shot and shell were falling, Illinois,
Illinois,
When the Southern host withdrew,
Pitting Gray against the Blue,
There were none more brave than you,
Illinois, Illinois,
There were none more brave than you,
Illinois!

Not without thy wondrous story, Illinois,
Illinois,
Can be writ the nation's glory, Illinois,
Illinois,
On the record of thy years,
Abra'am Lincoln's name appears,
Grant and Logan, and our tears, Illinois,
Illinois,
Grant and Logan, and our tears, Illinois!

Scripture Lesson. Mathew 5:1-16.

Invocation.

Hymn, selected by school.

RECITATIONS

1. **Illinois, Its Geography and History.** Illinois is a great state, four hundred miles long and two hundred miles wide, bounded on the west by the Mississippi River. Its central location, fine climate, fertile soil, and great coal deposits make it one of two or three of the greatest states

of the Nation. Its great cities and manufacturing interests are surpassed only by New York and possibly Pennsylvania. The population is now about 6,000,000. There are in Illinois 169,946 members of Baptist churches.

2. **The Illinois Baptist State Convention. Its History.** The Convention is seventy-four years old. Through its work, directly and indirectly, there are, perhaps four hundred churches in the state more than there would be if no Convention had been organized. In former years, the work of the Convention was confined largely to state mission work. It did not co-operate very largely with the city of Chicago, but did a great work among the English speaking population of the state.

3. **What the Convention is, and is doing today.** The Convention is now doing more state mission work than at any time in its history, but besides this, for the past eight or ten years the Convention has gotten back of almost all denominational work in the state. Last year it supported in full or in part seventy-seven state workers, and these added 1,641 members to the churches. The convention co-operates with all the national societies in their work in Illinois and with all departments of the Northern Baptist Convention that have interests in this state.

Song, selected by school.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE CONVENTION IS DOING IN ORGANIZING AND SUSTAINING CHURCHES:

1. **East Moline.** East Moline began to develop about twenty years ago. Now it is a prominent manufacturing city, with possibly 15,000 people. The Methodists and Congregationalists have each a small meeting house and a weak interest. The Baptists undertook work there several years ago and after two and one-half years it was almost given up as a hopeless case. Two years ago Rev. J. M. Osborne, who had labored six years on the border of East Moline, was secured as pastor for one-half time. The church had secured and partly paid for the best lot in town. In a little more than eighteen months, the church dedicated a meeting house that cost \$23,000, and there were 162 Sunday School scholars present on the day of dedication, June 2nd.

2. **Oglesby.** About ten or twelve years ago the State Convention sent the Chapel car into Oglesby, a town of 4,500 people, south of La Salle. The only non-Catholic religious work in the city was a little union society so called, but a Congregational church, very weak at that time. There were only two or three Baptists in the

city. Now we have a good \$12,000 meeting house paid for, and a church membership of about one hundred fifteen and a Sunday School of one hundred twenty-five or more. The church holds Evangelistic meetings in neighboring towns.

3. **Group of Churches in Alton Association.** The North Venice, Madison, Granite City, Unity church East St. Louis, and the Collinsville church all in the territory of the Alton Association, have been established and built up by the State Convention. The Convention not only furnished missionaries to work on these fields, but gave money to aid in the building meeting houses at North Venice, Madison, Unity and Collinsville. These are only examples of what the State Convention has been and is doing all over the state.

ILLINOIS HYMN

(Tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers.")

God, who fixed our dwelling
Mid the fertile fields,
Where the corn-rich prairie
Golden harvest yields,
Where earth's hidden bounty
Opens to our skill,
And a hundred cities
Build the commonweal,

CHORUS:

Help that in our borders
Jesus be confessed,
And with thy salvation
Illinois be blessed.

Thou hast brought our people
From all lands of earth,
Celt and Slav and Teuton,
Men of Latin birth,
One to be in language,
One to be in aim.
Grant that one in spirit
We may praise thy name.

CHORUS:

God's house in each hamlet.
Truth in every heart,
From the crowding toilers
Wrong and shame depart.
Teach us we are brothers,
Strong alone in thee—
Through the Master's gospel,
Bring us liberty.

CHORUS:

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NEGRO WORK

1. The great increase of population and colored missions. There are about 12,000,000 negro people in the United

States. About ten millions of these are in the southern states. Of those ten millions, fully two and one-half millions are members of Baptist churches. There are more negro Baptists in the south than there are members of all other denominations. This makes the Baptists of the north especially responsible for the negroes when they come north. On account of war conditions, making a great demand for labor in the north and because of many things in the south unfavorable for the negro there has been a great immigration of negroes from the south into the northern states. Within two years they have come by the hundreds of thousands. Many of them have come to Illinois, especially to Chicago.

2. The Olivet Negro church, 27th and Dearborn Streets, Chicago, has now more than seven thousand members and it has about doubled its membership in two years. The whole territory around the First Baptist church on 30th Street, is being taken by the colored people. The First church has one of the finest meeting houses in the city. It cost when it was built forty years ago, about \$170,000. It recently sold its property to the Olivet Negro Baptist church for \$80,000. The State Convention and Executive Council in Chicago, and the Home Mission Society gave \$10,000 to help the negroes in making their first payment on this property. The Olivet church does not intend to remove from its splendid property on Dearborn Street, but will use the First church building in which to start a new interest. This is perhaps the greatest single mission ever started in America by any race or denomination.

3. The Convention has sustained two negro missionaries in the work during the past year. Rev. E. H. Fletcher has been working in Chicago and other parts of the north and Rev. S. H. Gibson, of Bloomington, Superintendent of the Negro State Convention has been traveling all over the state working among the negro churches from Rockford to Cairo. The negro churches of the state and the work of their State Convention show a more hopeful condition at this time than at any period during their history.

FOREIGN WORK

1. The State Convention, in connection with the Home Mission Society, is carrying on work among the Hungarians and other kindred nationalities at Granite City and Joliet. At Granite City we have a good meeting house without any debt, and Rev. Adolph Kelih has been our efficient missionary for five years. At Joliet the work was more recently started. There

are scores of places in Illinois where the newer foreigners have located that should be reached with the Gospel; the Convention needs more money for this foreign work.

CHICAGO AND ITS MISSION WORK

1. The State Convention co-operates with the Executive Council in all the mission work in the great city of Chicago. In the Chicago Association there are ninety-one churches and more than 26,000 members. One-half of all the money contributed in Chicago and some other churches in nearby towns for the State Convention is turned back into the treasury of the Executive Council for mission work in Chicago. The Superintendent of the Convention is a member of the Board of the Executive Council. The Convention has some part in all the mission work done in Chicago.

2. The work done among foreigners in Chicago is among the Bohemian, Russian, Italian, Persian, Roumanian, Polish, Hungarian, Slovak, Lettish, Chinese and other foreign nationalities. A large proportion of the present population of Chicago is of the newer foreign element. The Germans and Scandinavians are not foreigners any more. But those who come from the more eastern and southeastern European nations must be reached with Christian influences or they will drag down our American civilization. Chicago is the second city in America and must be evangelized at whatever cost of money and labor.

3. An important illustration of this foreign work in Chicago is at Aiken Institute. This is the old Second Church building. The Women's Home Mission Society and the Publication Society are also aiding in this work. The institute is doing an important work among about 60,000 of these newer foreigners. Great numbers of children are being reached and the lives of the mothers are being touched and some men are being won by the Gospel influence there. While the Second Baptist congregation has gone to other quarters, the work being done in the old building is remarkable for its greatness and thoroughness.

4. The Mission work in the English language in Chicago is very striking. It was thought a few years ago that some of the down town fields would go at once, and yet with the help of our missionary organization the old La Salle Avenue church and the Western Avenue and other churches have taken on new life and are doing a fine work and baptizing many converts. There is at this time the most sympathetic and harmonious relations

existing between the City Executive Council and the State Convention.

Hymn Selection by School.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES, EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS

The State Convention keeps in its employ one general missionary who aids weak and discouraged churches in whatever way they need help, and he does some evangelistic work. It supports two regular evangelists who give themselves wholly to revival work. It has two pastors at large or local missionaries, one on the eastern and one on the western side of the state, and will aid next year in the support of a missionary in the extreme southern portion of the state. The State Convention aids about forty-five or fifty churches in the support of pastors.

EDUCATION

1. The State Convention does not put any of its mission funds into Shurtleff College, but the Convention has a close relation to the school and gives its influence in every way to build up that institution. Shurtleff College and its students and Alumni have been a great help to the State Convention, and the Convention gives its moral influence in helping the school to raise money and secure students. The Convention is also in close co-operation and sympathy with all the Baptist schools in Illinois.

2. The great Baptist Missionary work done at the State University was undertaken and carried out by the State Convention at the expense of its treasury. We now have a complete and beautiful meeting house near the university campus, that cost complete and furnished about \$35,000, and the whole work at the university has cost the Convention more than \$40,000. We have a splendid church organization composed mostly of students and professors and are doing a great work every year for the Baptist young people who take the course of study at the State University.

3. The Slavic Training School in Chicago was established to aid ministers of various Slavic nationalities in a clearer understanding of the Scriptures and of Baptist History, Organization, Missions and Local Work. The State Convention has been aiding this work financially in a small way.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

1. The State Convention aids in Primary Sunday School training throughout the state. This work is done through our

Sunday School director, Rev. W. B. Morris of Ashley, and Mrs. Hoffman of Rock Island.

The pastor or Sunday School Superintendent should make an address of about fifteen minutes upon the work of the State Convention.

Collection from the Sunday School to be sent to headquarters in Normal.

Closing Song, America.

Prayer.

ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE

By Rev. E. W. Hicks, D.D.

This is a very readable little book of one hundred eight pages. Dr. Hicks goes into this subject very carefully, and gives much valuable information concerning the books of the Bible. Much has been written upon this subject in large volumes but the gist of the whole subject is given in this little book and put in such form that the average laymen as well as the preacher can be greatly benefited by it. The author says, "The purpose of this little work is to note the origin of each book of the Bible; to follow the historical process of Scripture formation from its beginning to its close; and to observe the rise and progress of a supernatural book in a natural world." Published in 1916 by the Glad Tidings Publishing Company, Lakeside Building, Chicago.

A MANUAL OF THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1908-1918

This is a beautiful little book of one hundred twenty-five pages written by Dr. W. C. Bitting, the Secretary of the Convention, during these ten years. He says "This Manual aims to acquaint the reader with the structure of the Northern Baptist Convention, its methods of service, the work of its co-operating and affiliating organizations, the functions of its boards and committees

and its Ministry to the denomination and the Kingdom of God." Ten thousand copies of this book were published and it ought to be in the hands of every pastor and many laymen. Write to the American Baptist Publication Society, Roger Williams Building, Philadelphia, Pa., or the Chicago office, 125 North Wabash Ave., and send seventy-five cents and secure the book.

The Shurtleff College Bulletin for 1917-18 with announcements for 1918-'19 is a very fine document of sixty-four pages. Anyone who is either interested in Shurtleff College or desiring to take up studies in a school like that should write at once to President Geo. M. Potter and secure one of these Bulletins. It is not only full of information, but is very beautifully and artistically gotten up and printed.

Shurtleff College has demonstrated the patriotic spirit of "Old Shurtleff" by sending fifty-two from her classes since last April into the United States service. Every man from the 1918 class went to the colors before graduation day and it was not because of the draft, but by enlistment.

A letter written on July 30th by a member of a small church in Illinois says concerning a student preacher, "We had him come one Sabbath. He preached all right. In conversation with him we have decided that he is not a very good Baptist in doctrine. We are a Baptist church and wish to remain such. He believes in federating churches. He said we made too much of our baptism and spoke as if he thought it all right to sprinkle infants. We are not looking for that

kind of a man with such a doctrine. His name is _____. He said Christ did not command us to be baptized." It seems strange that any man could hold such views and retain his membership in a Baptist church and secure license to preach and be sent out to supply churches. That little church did the right thing by having him preach for them only once. Such men ought to go to a pedo-baptist church where they belong and not try to ruin Baptist churches.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JULY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Aurora, Marion Ave. Church....\$	13.39
Alton, First Church	48.78
*Atwood Church	10.00
American Baptist Home Mission Society	218.27
Alpha Church, Mrs. W. O. Allison (5)	5.00
*Berwick Church	96.00
*Bethany Church	20.00
Belleville Church	14.00
*Buda Church	53.00
Baptist Huddleson Orphanage....	4.72
Chicago, Morgan Park Church....	35.48
*Chicago, Lorimer Memorial Church	7.50
Chicago, Englewood Church.....	40.00
Chicago, Maplewood Church.....	6.25
*Chicago, Woodlawn Church.....	54.91
Chicago, Austin Church	175.00
Chicago, First Church	18.15
Chicago, Covenant Church.....	45.00
*Chicago, Albany Park Church...	10.50
Chicago, Ravenswood Church....	18.00
*Centralia Church	71.00
Chrisman Church	6.92
Cornell Church	5.00
Carbondale Church	15.00
*Clayton Church	20.00
Central Baptist Children's Home	4.72
*Charleston Church	13.50
F. L. Church (S. E. F.).....	93.50
Collected on Mission fields by H. F. Jones	127.17
Committee of the Rock Island Assn., for work done at East Moline	25.00
Decatur, East Park Church.....	3.16
Downer's Grove Church.....	4.83
F. M. Dunk (S. E. F.).....	22.18

*Elgin, First Church.....	31.50
Elgin, Immanuel Church.....	4.00
From some unknown party in Bloomington	1.05
Rev. P. H. Seise, Lena Church (5)	5.00
Galesburg Church	150.00
Hammond Church	9.45
*Hoopeston Church	26.00
Jerseyville Church	19.31
Kane Church	29.00
Kinderhook Church, Mrs. John B. Martin (5)	5.00
Litchfield Church	5.00
Lexington Church	11.13
Macomb Church	38.00
*Minonk Church	72.00
Monmouth, First Church	12.41
Macomb Church	13.00
Murphysboro Church, C. M. Bradley (S. E. F.).....	5.00
Missionary Committee, Quincy Association, for work done by Rev. H. F. Jones at Payson....	30.97
Normal Church	11.59
Oak Park, Lombard Avenue Church	35.00
Oak Park, First Church	22.50
Peoria Church, Mrs. Martha C. Chandler (S. E. F.).....	10.00
Perry Church	1.78
Peoria, Bethany Church	10.62
Paw Paw Church	14.00
Quincy, Central Church	50.00
Rock Island First Church.....	30.00
Rent of Andalusia Farm.....	37.50
Special Committee of Peoria Association for salary of H. F. Jones	21.85
Shurtleff College	2.36
Sycamore Church	16.00
*Upper Alton Church	66.00
*Urbana, First Church	117.23
*Whitehall Church	10.00
*Wilmette Church	8.39
Walnut Church	7.00
*Western Springs Church.....	2.00
Woodstock Church	3.77
Wheaton Church	15.05
Total	\$2,266.39

DEATHS

Rev. John Morris of Ashley, Illinois, passed away July 23rd. He was eighty-five years of age. He was the father of our State Convention Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. director, Rev. W. B. Morris. This aged brother had been preaching about sixty-five years and his father had preached about the same number of

years, and W. B. Morris has been preaching twenty-nine years. Brother John Morris had not preached much in Illinois until late in his life. He was pastor of the churches at Damascus and at Annawan and Ashley during the past fifteen years. His health was good until a few weeks before he died and he continued in the pastorate until he was eighty-three years of age.

Rev. Galusha Anderson, D.D., died July 20th, at the home of his son, an attorney in Boston. Dr. Anderson was pastor of the Second church in St. Louis during the years of the rebellion and did a great work in holding that church in St. Louis, to the north. For several years he was professor of Homiletics in the Newton Center Theological Seminary and president of the old Chicago University. After that institution went down in an overwhelming debt he became president of Dennison University in Ohio. In 1890 he became a teacher in the Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park and from 1892 to 1904 served as professor of Practical Theology in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Since 1904 he has been professor emeritus. He died at the age of eighty-five. He was one of the great men of the denomination during his entire public life. Three years ago he made one of the finest addresses that was made at the laymen's meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles. He was a very dear friend of the Editor of the Bulletin. He dedicated two meeting houses for him, one in Cincinnati and one in Illinois, and at both times was entertained in the Editor's home. For about thirty-one years they were close friends and frequently corresponded with each other.

Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, the noted German professor at Rochester Theological Seminary, died July 26. Dr. Rauschenbusch was born of German parentage in America. He was perhaps the most prominent man in America in his writings and addresses upon the relation of Christianity to social questions and social service. In the beginning of the war he seemed to be in sympathy with Germany rather than England and France, but since our country went into the war he was a loyal American and his son is now in France in the service of his country. On May 1, 1918 he wrote a long letter to Dr. Cornelius Wolfkin in which he clearly and strongly declares his Americanism. One of the great men of the Baptist denomination and of the Christian world has gone in the death of Walter Rauschenbusch.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS

Evangelist F. M. Dunk, during the past month visited the Morrison church, gave them one Sunday and several days and has supplied at Petersburg three Sundays in succession. He also visited the South Wilmington and Gardner churches and planned some special work on those fields later in the season.

Evangelist Francis L. Church is engaged for the following meetings from the first of September until Christmas: September 1-15, Russell; September 22 to October 6, Delavan; October 14-16, State Convention meeting; October 20 to November 3, Arthur; November 10-24, Pontiac; December 1-15, Sparland.

Rev. Mr. Wilbur, a recent graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary has been secured as assistant

pastor to Rev. J. M. Osborne to work the East Moline Silvis and Watertown fields. The Rock Island Association and the State Convention will aid in supporting these two pastors.

Rev. J. Johnson is now supplying the three churches of Sparland, Steuben and Chillicothe. He has given up the Pleasant Grove work. Evangelist F. L. Church recently had a tent meeting at Chillicothe which resulted in six additions to the church by baptism.

Rev. Geo. R. Wood of Ottawa, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Marseillès church a few miles from Ottawa. We are glad that Brother Wood consented to take that work and believe that he will have success on that field. It has been one of our difficult mission fields for a number of years but there are some good faithful members of that church.

Our missionary at the State University, Rev. Martin S. Bryant, has been ill during the past month with a light case of smallpox. At first it was thought he was taking typhoid fever, but it developed into a case of smallpox and at last reports he was getting along very nicely.

A member of the Charleston church writes a very strong letter of commendation of the evangelistic meeting held there by Evangelist F. L. Church. He says "The church gave a special vote of thanks to Brother Church, heartily and without a dissenter present for the special series of meetings. It is frequent that I hear 'We must arrange to get him back!'"

Rev. W. B. M. Scott, our colored missionary at Galesburg, has been appointed by the government as a chaplain and has gone into the service. This makes two of our Baptist pastors

from Galesburg who have gone into religious work for the army and these two men are the only preachers from any denomination in Knox county that have gone into Y. M. C. A. or chaplaincy work.

Rev. F. T. Klotzsche seems to be doing good work with the Andalusia church. The work is reported to be progressive and the pastor was well pleased with the outlook. He lives on the farm that belongs to the State Convention near the church, and is enjoying his country and farm life very much. One of Brother Klotzsche's sons is now in poor health which was caused from an injury received while in the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. At the last reports he was in a sanitarium at Ottawa, Illinois.

Rev. Jas. M. Wilson, our missionary pastor at Oglesby, reports that "Things are moving along pretty encouragingly. Our B. Y. P. U. is the only society reported so far in the Association as being a standard society. Last Saturday night we lead in an open air meeting at Deer Park. Next Sunday night we go to Jonesville. I am taking my men out to these outlying districts."

Our State Convention missionary, Rev. J. B. Patterson, seems to be doing good work at the Second church in Mt. Vernon. The pastor says, "Taking all things into consideration we have much to be thankful for in the way the Lord has blessed us here. Our people will make a nice contribution to the State Convention soon."

At Chicago Heights a Union Tabernacle meeting was held a few weeks ago. The Tabernacle was large enough to seat eighteen hundred people, but they never had present more than fif-

teen hundred. Evangelist Honeywell and company conducted the meetings and our Baptist missionary on that field was chairman of the local committee. The meeting is reported as having been quite successful. Pastor Henry Duff took into the Baptist church twenty members, all heads of the family but two, and others will follow. He has also established a Mission in another part of the city about a mile distant from the church.

Missionary N. T. Hafer held a meeting for three weeks at McLeansboro assisting the church in making an every member canvass and to reorganize its work and secure a pastor, etc. He was having good success at last accounts. He expects to go from McLeansboro to Unity church in East St. Louis for a few days' work.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk supplied the church in Petersburg three Sundays in July and on August 4th began a tent meeting at Payson, near Quincy.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. W. Smith, who for several years has been pastor of the Nokomis church in the Alton Association, accepted a call to the Assumption church in the Springfield Association and began work August first. We hope Brother Smith will have a prosperous pastorate on that field.

The Barry church has extended a call to Rev. F. E. Jones of Scotts City, Kansas. We have not yet definitely heard as to whether the call has been accepted but we presume that it has been. Later Mr. Jones declined the call.

Rev. Henry G. Smith of Peoria, a graduate of Shurtleff College, and of Rochester Theological Seminary, and who took a year of post graduate work at Rochester last year, has accepted a call to the Berwick church in the Peoria Association. They are putting \$700 or \$800 on improvements on the property and have increased the salary \$300. In some respects Berwick is one of the finest country and village fields in the state of Illinois. The Baptists have the whole village of Berwick and the territory for several miles around it without any competition. They have a fine meeting house and a good parsonage.

In some way we failed to announce in the July Bulletin the change of Rev. H. L. Mounce from the pastorate of the Erie church in the Rock River Association to the Elvaston church in the Salem Association. Brother Mounce did good work at Erie for about two years and left that field for a larger work in the Salem Association. On a recent Sunday night he baptized four into the fellowship of the church. He gives one-half his time to the Cottonwood church.

Rev. Robert Van Meigs, who was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in Quincy for six years, has accepted a call to the Central church of Quincy. This is the new church organized from the membership of the First and Vermont Street churches. He begins his pastorate September first. We hope that Brother Meigs will have great success on that field.

Rev. Fred C. F. Renfro has become pastor of the First Baptist church at Tuscola. That church had been pastorless for a long while before Brother Renfro took charge of it.

FIRST QUARTER OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICENCE

The Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence, which began business April 1, 1918, representing all of the objects included in the National and State apportionments, has finished its first quarter and is able to summarize the reports sent in. The months immediately following the close of the year of the National Societies, March 31st, with the special effort made to bring up the offerings and close the year without debt, are always a period of reaction and very small offerings. This year, in addition to the special strain involved in meeting the regular apportionments by March 31st, there has been the great Million Dollar Drive of the Laymen, additional to the regular apportionment and adding two-thirds to it. Moreover, the completion of the Laymen's Million was carried over throughout nearly all of the first quarter of the new year. Besides all of this there have been in this first quarter the Government drives for the Third Liberty Loan and a War Savings Certificate Campaign, the former raising billions and the latter hundreds of millions of dollars.

In spite of all these things and of the difficulty of bringing the churches suddenly to so radical a change as the sending of all offerings to one office instead of to twelve, the following receipts can be reported for the first quarter:

RECEIPTS

\$12,400.51, distributed as follows:

State Convention	\$2,336.17
Foreign Mission	5,214.04
Joint Home Missions	3,463.13
Publication Society	476.88
Ministerial Mission Board....	212.26

Educational Board, N. B. C.	242.52
Education in Illinois.....	166.12
Philanthropy	289.39

It is not possible to make a close comparison with former years, since the method and dates of reckoning are radically changed. Neither does the distribution indicate the percentages which will prevail for the entire year, since the churches do not as yet uniformly remit *a sum in gross* each month or quarter to be divided in a fixed ratio between all the objects, but many of them send remittance for one object at one time and for another object later, equalizing their apportionments only by the end of the year. Dr. Brand informs our office that the State Mission Offerings which we remitted July 20th, are \$780.83 greater than for the same time last year—a very large increase, but something of this is due to different dates of reckoning and the total offerings for the quarter for some of the Societies are less than last year. Indeed the offerings for State Missions for June were less than those for June 1917.

It is evident that while the new plan is working hopefully, it will not *automatically* raise the largely increased apportionments of the year. Individual churches will need to exert themselves to systematize and increase their giving, and we are counting on large aid from the new plan of the Laymen's Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention which will be announced in the early fall and which is expected this year not to push a separate drive but *to get behind the raising of the entire budget of all the societies as one united task.*

Augustine S. Carman,

Secretary, Board of Beneficence.
19 South La Salle St., Chicago.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

We are doing our best to make our farm produce as much food as possible, and weather conditions have been reasonably helpful since the excessively frequent and heavy rains of April and part of May let up.

The fact that we do produce for ourselves considerable food has been suggested, in some quarters, as a reason why we should not receive a very liberal support from the churches. It is difficult to believe that our people will be disposed to punish us for being frugal and productive.

When a man can take a farm of 130 acres and make it yield sufficient to feed, clothe and educate a family of sixty or more children, and pay his wife and other help a fair salary, then this farm may be expected to provide for the expenses of this institution.

If this work is to be done in a manner which shall reflect credit upon the denomination, our churches must regard our industrial features as educational and meet the orphanage apportionments as faithfully as they meet other apportionments.

Give plenty of time for Orphanage discussion at the meeting of your Association.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The Illinois Baptist Bulletin reaches many homes. People write us from other states saying, "We read so and so in your letter to the Bulletin." We are glad of this medium through which we may reach those who know of our work, and those who do not.

At this writing 53 children are in the Home, some having gone out for vacation. Much interest is shown by the older boys, in what they call their "War Garden," which is planted on a part of Cook County Forest Preserve, situated near our own grounds. This garden is supplying us daily with fresh vegetables, and has given the boys some definite work to do.

Oak Park Baptist Sunday School made it possible for our children to enjoy the program given by their school Children's Day, coming for and bringing them home again by auto. July 2nd the pastor and 11 other members of Austin Baptist church came with their own cars and took the entire household for a 25 mile ride. These were happy occasions for the children.

The winning of the war is uppermost in the minds of all at present, but do not let us forget the importance of caring for our boys and girls, who will be our men and women of the next generation. Opportunity has been given our Sunday Schools to help do this by contributing to the Home. Have a part in this work, and let the response be general.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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THE CALL TO ILLINOIS YOUNG WOMANHOOD

In these strange and wonderful days there is a grave responsibility laid upon young womanhood, and in an especial way upon *Christian* young womanhood.

It is only the Christ spirit which can bring permanent peace and prosperity to this battle-scarred world. To us Christians there is unescapable urge to labor with all the power that in us lies to spread this spirit and interpret it in our own lives.

It is the expert workman who is in demand these days—it is the trained young woman who is needed to carry on the work of our two Woman's Missionary Societies. To meet the pressing demand for trained workers there has been established at the Chicago Missionary Training School, as a war emergency measure, an intensive course for the year 1918-19 for college and university graduates—graduates of four year normal schools will also be eligible.

In the light of this it behooves young women who are educationally equipped to consider seriously what their part is in world service.

It is a pleasure to announce that Miss Gladys Topping has been appointed Field Secretary for the Chicago Baptist Missionary Training School.

Dora G. Laycock,
Treas. W. A. B. M. Society.

Dear Women of Illinois:

Word comes that many of our good missionary interested women have laid aside their missionary zeal and are putting all their interest in the call of the government for war work. Can we afford to do this; will not these boys return soon; will many of them still find the mother of foreign birth still with her old-world ideas of religion?

How will these mothers meet these boys who have been baptized with a baptism of fire; who have learned in making the world "Safe for Democracy"; that it is only through Christ and Him crucified, that democracy is safe.

America for Christ this is the motto of the W. A. B. H. M. Society. Is it not our opportunity more than ever to reach the women and children of our land?

Mrs. J. D. Louderback,
State Director W. A. B. H. M. Society
of Illinois.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois will be held in the First Congregational church in Kewanee on Oct. 15. Every Association should send delegates and every woman who can attend and does not, will have lost something out of her life which would have been an inspiration and help to a better womanhood. A fine program is being prepared.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.

I want to call special attention to the program for State Mission Day which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin. It is quite important that the day be observed by all our schools, in order to get the work of the State Convention before our children and young people.

Owing to the death of my father my work has been somewhat interrupted the past month. I attended the Wisconsin Summer Assembly at Green Lake which is a beautiful body seven miles long, from one to two miles wide, and in places two hundred feet deep. The program was good but the attendance small on account of the war conditions. This last fact proved the wisdom of our committee deciding not to hold our Assembly this year at Alton. We should plan, however, for a good strong meeting next year, and make it a striking feature of our state work.

I am to go to the Ohio Assembly this month, at Granville, the seat of Dennison University. The program as arranged is quite elaborate and embraces quite a number of popular as well as educational features.

One Sunday last month I spent with the Sterling church in company with our State Elementary Director. We put in a very busy day, and I hope a profitable one for the church. I would like to say to the pastorless churches that if they want to have us come and spend a Sunday, and will pay what they are accustomed to pay for a supply, in order to defray the expenses of Mrs. Hoffman, we will be glad to come and make it a field day for our Sunday School work in the church.

We are fortunate in having secured for our principal speaker for the Sunday School and Young People's session at our State Convention, Dr. W. Edward Raffety, editor in chief of our Baptist Publications, who will speak on "The Church Leadership of Young Life." Dr. Raffety is an Illinois product and a most interesting speaker. Let us welcome him as one of our own.

Mrs. Hoffman, our Elementary Director, is planning for an exhibit of our Graded Work of the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments for the convention. If you have any material please let her know. We have been assigned a good room for the display at Kewanee.

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Our State President, Mr. Carey R. Johnson, has enlisted in the Marines, and is now at Paris Island, S. C. We regret losing him in the work, but are proud of his action, and are willing to "loan" him to Uncle Sam, temporarily. Our work this year has been greatly affected by the large number of young men, who have been active in B. Y. P. U. going into the Army and Navy. Chicago Union lost its President, Mr. Allistair Gillies, last year, to the Army. He has been very sick at Camp Grant for a number of months, but is reported to be slowly recovering, for which his host of friends will be thankful. Mr. Edwin Phelps, of Wilmette, is the new President of Chicago Union for the coming year. He has already started the "ball rolling" and is quite hopeful of a good year. They will hold their Annual Moonlight Boat Ride Thursday, August 15th.

Ottawa Association B. Y. P. U. had a great meeting at Amboy. Brother Morris was the speaker of the evening, and they report a fine address and a good meeting with fine prospects ahead. President George Stalker of LaSalle, is one of the hardest working officers in the state and one that obtains results regularly.

Will each B. Y. P. U. Association in the state kindly mail a list of their officers for next year at once. This will help considerably to expedite matters, and get our fall campaign under way early. The great Cedar Rapids Convention is history with a capital "H." The "Michiwanus" Tribe descended upon that meeting in a swarm and carried everything before them. They elected the popular pastor of the Woodward Ave. Baptist church as National President. "Old Mizzoury" was also there in large numbers and carried back the "1919 Convention" home in their pockets.

St. Louis will be the "Mecca" for B. Y. P. U.'ers next year, so get ready. Begin planning NOW, that you and a number of others will put the "Osk-awawa" in the lead during the coming year—and that we will ALL meet in St. Louis, July, 1919. Get a "pen-nant" from St. Louis now. Pin it up on the wall, where everyone can see it as a constant reminder. The big state meeting will be at Kewanee in October. We want delegates from B. Y. P. U.'s in large numbers to that meeting. Things are going to "happen" there. We simply MUST put Illinois "back on the map." Will you help us? If so—send your name to the Editor and become an "Oskie Booster."

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Last Month of the Convention Year



Before the October Bulletin reaches the readers it will be almost time for the meeting of the State Convention, so we write some things for this number as it is the last issue before the close of the year. It will cost a little more to attend the convention this year than in former years, railroad rates have increased but almost everybody is making more money than formerly; and the difference in expense should not keep many people away. The program will be found in this issue of the Bulletin. It is a strong program and every one who attends will enjoy it and be profited by it. The women have a good program and will have an all-day women's meeting Tuesday. The women always have a good attendance, and we hope there will be enough men there to fill the auditorium on the day that the women are out. The annual meeting of the State Convention is becoming more and more a great annual event in denominational life. Both laymen and pastors should make a special effort to attend every year. The meeting of the convention has become quite a time for the meeting and acquaintance of pastors' wives with each other. Every church that possibly can should pay the expense of the pastor

in attending the State Convention meeting and the women of the church should make up a purse and encourage the pastor's wife to attend. Both pastor and his wife will do better work for the whole year by spending a few days in the meetings of the State Convention. War conditions have made it rather difficult in our convention during the past year. Extremely cold weather and shortage of coal last winter was very much against Evangelistic work. Many of our pastors have gone as chaplains or Y. M. C. A. workers and others have spent six or eight weeks as camp pastors at cantonments, and very many of the boys who have gone into the service were among our best workers in the churches. The numerous calls for money, for Liberty Bonds and for Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross and many other things have seemed to drain the purses of our people and yet the people as a rule never had so much income as now. At this writing we cannot tell how the convention will come out financially. If all the churches would make up their full apportionment before the close of September we would be all right. Much money has been needed, but our State Convention Board has not appropriat-

ed more than the amount apportioned to the churches. If we come out with a deficit, it will be because the churches have failed on their apportionments. Will not every pastor, and where there is no pastor, the clerk, make a special effort to have the church make up its full apportionment before October 1st? Some churches have already made up their full apportionments, but very many of them are still back and some have given nothing this year for the State Convention. Only a little time remains in which to do this work. Let every Baptist who has any interest in the convention wake up and do his best now. The year closes October 1st. The annual meeting is at Kewanee, October 14-17.

TWENTY YEARS

The first of September was twenty years since the Editor began as Superintendent of the State Convention work. These have been great years in the history of our denomination, of the country and of the world. There has not been a twenty years of greater importance in the history of our country. In this time we had the closing of the Spanish-American war which made the United States a great world power. During this time the Northern Baptist Convention has been organized which gave new power to the Baptist denominations of the north, and during the past four years the greatest war in all history has been raging. During that time two meetings of the Baptists of the world have been held. In our denominational work in the state great changes have taken place. In 1898 the membership of the denomination in the state was 114,070, in 1917 it was 169,940. The statistics of 1918 have not yet been

compiled. Twenty years ago our permanent funds amounted to about \$12,000, and now they are about \$65,000. Twenty years ago the income of the State Convention was about \$6,000. Last year for all purposes it was more than \$48,000 and for current work \$22,303.42. During that time the Hudelson Orphanage has been established at Irvington, the Old People's Home at Morgan Park, the University church and building costing about \$40,000 at Champaign, and the new Women's Training School building in Chicago. The University of Chicago has grown from an institution a few years old to one of the greatest universities in the world. The Executive Council in the city of Chicago and the State Convention have a splendid co-operative plan of work, and the convention and the Negro Baptist State Convention are working together harmoniously. The Single Collecting Agency has been established. The apportionment plan has been adopted, and the Illinois Baptist Bulletin has been published for nine years, and in every way the State Convention has tried to keep abreast of the times in these stirring and aggressive score of years.

DEATHS

On July 30th, Rev. E. J. Lockwood of Galesburg, died. He was ninety-five years and one month old. He was ordained in 1856 and spent most of his ministerial life in Iowa and Illinois. He was one of our splendid pioneer pastors.

Rev. O. R. Thomas, pastor of the Galva church died Sunday, August 26. We had not learned of Brother Thomas' illness until we received notice of his death.

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THIS month of September and early October is the best time in the year to get new subscriptions for the Bulletin. Let the friends of the Bulletin work it up at the Associations.

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ALMOST everything else has gone up in price, but the Bulletin is issued at the same price. Twenty-five cents for a single subscription, twenty cents in clubs of more than ten and less than twenty and fifteen cents in clubs of twenty or more. It costs more than fifty cents to publish the Bulletin. It is never sent in bunches to be distributed, but is always mailed to each subscriber.

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NOW is the time for everybody to make preparation to attend the annual meeting of the State Convention at Kewanee, October 14-17. Notice the splendid program published in this issue of the Bulletin. The women also have a good program for Tuesday, the 15th.

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LET the churches make a special effort to help pay the expenses of the pastor and his wife to the Convention. It will not cost much for the people to do it, and they will do better work all the year if they will attend this great meeting.

LET every pastor and every layman take a deep interest in the State Convention finances at the close of this year. Remember that your church has not made its apportionment if it has not made up its full amount for the State Convention. Only a little time now in September to raise this money. The books close October first, only a short time, but this can be done if properly brought before the churches.

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EVERY pastor in the state, who is pastor of a church affiliating with the State Convention that has not made up its full apportionment has received a notice calling his attention to what the apportionment of his church is, how much has been paid and how much of the apportionment is yet due. Where churches have no pastors, this notice has been sent to the clerk. There can be no reason for any church not getting in its apportionment, at least in making an effort, unless the pastor or clerk is careless and does not bring the matter before the church.

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THIS month is closing up twenty years' work on the part of the present Superintendent. How rapidly time flies. It seems but a short time since he entered upon this work. Not so much has been done as we had hoped and yet progress has been made. We have had great opportunities in these twenty years, and in some measure have lived up to them. Illinois is the most difficult state in the Union in which to do State Mission work; but there has not been strong enough opposition to seriously impede the work of our grand convention.

Many will read with surprise the notice in this issue of a council in Champaign. Dr. Hopkins has been one of our strong men in the state for a dozen years. He was for five years Secretary of the State Convention and is now a member of its Board and the Executive Committee. There were about fifteen ministers and several laymen on the council. The decision was unanimously, without one dissenting vote in his favor, and the council expressed itself unanimously that it had absolute confidence in his integrity, honesty and chastity. While he resigned the church in Champaign it is hoped that he will secure another good church soon and continue his good work in the ministry.

A good program has been provided for the new Wabash Valley Association at Olney. Our Missionary pastor, Rev. Samuel Hoekstra of Fairfield will lead the music. We expect a good attendance and a good meeting.

SOME STRANGE INCONSISTENCIES

In southern Illinois the people are taught that Baptistically about everything in the north is wrong and about everything in the south is perfect. In the organ of the Southern Illinois Baptist State Association we rarely see a sentence favorable to the north nor one critical of the south. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, one of perhaps three or four of the greatest Baptists in the southern states writes an editorial in "The Baptist Standard," a Texas paper entitled "Papers and the Union Movement." Most of this article is very fine. In the article he praises the Standard of Chicago for its strong position against denominational union.

He says "the Chicago Standard has some very true and timely things in the way of warning, the Editor has told his people frankly that this thing must be dealt with, etc."

He thinks the Religious Herald of Richmond, Virginia, has not grasped the deep meaning of this movement. He speaks of a class of Baptists in the south as follows. "They are acrid censorious, fault finding and love nothing so much as a disturbance in the denomination. I can scarcely think of the harm they have done the souls of men, weak churches and uninformed Baptists without tears. They are a hindrance. But we should all remember that Unionism, in any form, is no remedy for Landmarkism." Those words of Dr. Gambrell describe pretty fully a good many people who call themselves Landmark Baptists in southern and central Illinois. Dr. Gambrell also strongly criticized the Baptist World of Louisville, Kentucky. His criticisms on that paper are too extensive to quote in the Bulletin. There seems from this article of Dr. Gambrell, and from many other southern papers, that there is much more division in the south and bickering among the Baptists than in the north, and that our northern papers are, at least as true and stalwart for Baptist principles as the southern papers.

Rev. Jesse Hyde who has been pastor at Belleville for about three years, has accepted a call to Knoxville, Tennessee, and will close his work in Belleville August first. The church to which he is called has a membership of eight hundred and pays twice the salary he received in Belleville and all his moving expenses. Brother Hyde

seems to have done a good work at Belleville. Since he became pastor there he has baptized forty people and received ninety into the church. The attendance at the Sunday School has been doubled and they had the greatest Sunday evening attendance in the city. We are sorry to have Brother Hyde leave Illinois, but are glad that he secures a greater field of service.

**Program of
THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION**

Meeting in Kewanee, October 14-17, 1918.

Monday Evening

Ministers' Conference.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk, Normal, singing leader.

7:30 Prayer Service conducted by Rev. Chas. C. Colby, Toulon.

7:50 Annual Sermon—Rev. B. F. Otto, D.D., Morgan Park.

Collection for Printing Annual.

Address—"The Church and the New World"—Dean Shailer Mathews.

Tuesday Morning, October 15

9:00 Song and Prayer.

Topics for discussion:

9:20 1. Meeting the New World Demand—Dean Shailer Mathews, Chicago.

9:40 2. The Pastor Who Makes Good—Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Alton.

10:00 Discussion of above topics (each speaker limited to five minutes).

10:30 Devotional—Carl D. Case, Oak Park.

11:00 Obituary Report—Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Alton.

11:20 Memorial Address—Rev. H. C. First, Rock Island.

11:50 Prayer.

Announcements.

12:00 Adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon

Meeting of Convention

1:40 Song and Prayer.

1:50 Beginning of Convention work.

Appointment of nominating and other special committees by the President.

Report of Committee on Program.

2:10 Report of Department of Education—Rev. J. C. Hazen, Peoria.

2:40 Report of Department of Efficiency—Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Elgin.

3:10 Report of Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence—W. G. Brimson, Chicago.

3:25 Address—Rev. A. S. Carman, D.D.,

Chicago.

3:50 Value of Baptist Journalism—Rev. Clifton D. Gray, D.D.

4:10 Negro Immigration and Work in Chicago—Rev. L. K. Williams, pastor Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago. His church has a membership of more than 8,000.

Tuesday Night

7:10 Prayer Service—Rev. W. H. Parker, Aledo.

7:25 Special Music.

7:35 Words of Welcome by pastor.

Response by President.

7:50 Special Music.

8:00 Annual Sermon—Rev. W. G. Chessman, Ottawa.

Convention Collection for Annual.

8:50 State Convention Address—Rev. Samuel J. Skevington, D.D., Chicago.

Announcements.

Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning, October 16

Report of Board and Rural Church Work

9:00 Song and Prayer.

9:10 Report of the Nominating Committee on Members of the Board and Standing Committees.

9:30 Report of the Executive Board.

10:30 Devotional Period—Carl D. Case, Oak Park.

11:00 Rural Church Problems.

Address—Rev. B. E. Allen, Neponset—20 minutes.

Discussion and Business (each speaker limited to five minutes).

12:00 Adjournment.

12:30 Lunch for State Convention Missionaries.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:50 Song and Prayer.

2:00 Report of Department of Missions—Rev. S. J. Skevington, D.D., Chicago.

2:20 Women's Hour—General Topic: "The World's Great Need."

Address—How the Women's Home Society is Meeting it—Mrs. John Nuneen, President W. A. B. H. M. Society.

3:00 Address—How Our Women's Foreign Society is Meeting it—Miss Ella MacLauren, Field Secretary W. A. B. F. M. Society.

3:30 Address—The Response of Our Young Women—Mrs. M. S. Lamoureux.

3:50 Music.

4:00 Laymens Session.

William Dollar Drive—M. W. G. Brimson, Chicago.

4:20 Address—A. A. Forshee, New York.

5:00 Adjournment.

5:30 Laymen's Banquet.

Toastmaster—Clyde B. Taylor, Rock Island.

1. Address—Possibilities in Illinois as brought out in the Million Dollar Drive—Editor (E. L. Killam, Chicago.
2. Address—The Laymen; a neglected phase of Christian Service—Frank Mosher, DeKalb.
3. How to develop men through Sunday Schools—Mr. Joe N. Gamble, Kewanee.
4. Address—The need of American Men in Foreign Fields—Professor J. C. Collins, Springfield.

(Each speaker limited to ten minutes.)

Wednesday Night

- 7:00 Prayer and Song Service.
 7:20 Evangelistic work in the Local Church, by the pastor—R. H. Traver, Pontiac, Mich.
 8:00 Music.
 8:10 Christian Education—Rev. Myron W. Haynes, D.D., New York.

Thursday Morning, October 18

- 9:00 Song and Prayer.
 9:10 Business of the Convention and reports of Committees.
 Report of Treasurer and Auditing Committee.
 9:30 Report of Department of Philanthropy—Rev. M. H. Day, Rockford.
 9:50 Discussion of Institutions.
 10:30 Report of Committee on Resolutions.
 11:00 Three General Societies—Rev. Samuel G. Neil, Philadelphia.
 11:40 Election of Officers.
 12:20 Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon

B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Session.
 Program for Thursday afternoon not yet made up.

Thursday Night

Patriotic Religious Service

- 7:15 Devotional.
 7:25 Music by Kewanee Male Quartet.
 8:00 Addresses by Illinois Pastors who have given time as pastors at the Cantonments—
 Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Elgin.
 Rev. Judson B. Thomas, D.D., Chicago.
 Rev. J. M. Stiffer, Evanston.
 Rev. Wm. H. Main, D.D., Chicago.
 Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., Carrollton.
 Rev. A. B. Mercer, Kankakee.
 Rev. C. W. Gilkey, Chicago.

(Addresses limited to fifteen minutes each)

- 9:45 Introduction of Officers.
 Five minute closing words by Pastor and Superintendent.

WOMAN'S DAY AT ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Tuesday, October 15th, First Congregational Church, Kewanee. Condensed

program outline—complete program at State Convention.

9:15 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Keyword—Challenge of the Hour—The World's Great Need, considered under three headings:

I. The Challenge—What is it? Answered by State Representatives of National Societies.

II. Conference Hour—Six Suggestive Methods of Meeting the Challenge.

III. Our Answer to the Challenge—State President.

Report Reading Contest and Presentation of Loving Cup—Chairman Illinois Missionary Reading Contest.

Outline of Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence—Secretary, Board of Beneficence.

Conventional—"The Latest News."

Mid-day Luncheon served in church.

1:30 p. m. Business and classification of Associations.

The World Wide Guild in Action—considered under five topics led by State World Wide Guild Representatives of National Societies.

Address—"The New Democracy"—Central District Society W. A. B. H. M. S.

Missionary Play—"A Stitch in Time"—Kewanee Young People.

5 p. m. Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet.

Responses by women who know how to help and inspire!

Wednesday—Women's Hour Before the Convention.

General Topic—"The World's Great Need"—See page ?? for speakers.

Study Book Presentation—Lecture Room, Kewanee Public Library.

8:30 a. m.—Wednesday and Thursday—"Woman Workers of the Orient."

1:15 p. m.—Wednesday and Thursday—"The Path of Labor."

Illinois Baptist Women! We need you at our State Meeting! Come.

Mrs. W. P. Topping,
 State President.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. James I. Wilson, our missionary pastor at Oglesby, after one year of service has offered his resignation as pastor of that church. He did a good year's work at Oglesby and strengthened the church very much, but he was called to a larger and stronger pastorate in Iowa with a very much increased salary and felt that he was justified in going back to the state from which he came when he located at Oglesby. We wish Brother Wilson

success with his Iowa field and hope that a successor will soon be secured for the Oglesby church.

Rev. Oscar E. Meyerscough has resigned the pastorate of the church at Percy and begins work at Frankfort Heights in September. The Percy church during the past year has contributed to all the Missionary objects and has raised a considerable amount for war beneficence. They have also increased the pastor's salary \$200 for next year.

The Rantoul church, after having been pastorless for about six months has located Rev. H. I. Shawger of Merton, Wisconsin. He will take charge of the work September 22nd.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR AUGUST

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church	\$ 3.00
Amboy Church	4.76
*Ashley Church	13.00
*Bunker Hill Church	26.00
Bunker Hill, Chas. E. Drew, Personal gift	25.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	56.00
*Belvidere—First Church	7.29
*Big Rock Church	8.32
*Bethel Church	10.00
*Bloomington Church	75.00
Centralia, Celian M. Miles (S. E. F.)	5.00
Champaign—First Church	50.00
Chicago—Grace Church	2.63
*Decatur—Riverside Church.....	10.00
*De Kalb Church	70.00
Deer Creek Church	50.00
Danville Church	35.00
Damascus Church	3.50
*Delavan Church	32.00
Decatur—First Church.....	55.00
*Forest City Church.....	11.00
Greenfield Church	15.00
*Girard Church	27.00
Garwood, Mrs. H. L. Stonington (S. E. F.)	5.00
Jacksonville Church	85.00
*Kingston Church	3.00
*Kinderhook Church	25.00

*La Marsh Church	12.00
*Marissa Church	20.00
Marengo Church	40.00
Macomb Church	24.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Normal Church	12.47
*New Berlin Church	35.00
*Oglesby Church	18.00
*Otterville Church	7.00
*Plano Church	4.00
Rock Island—First Church.....	35.00
Superintendent Supply	15.00
Toulon Church	10.50
*Troy Church	21.00
*Villa Grove Church	11.00
Virden Church	15.00
*Wheaton Church	7.33
*Warren Church	1.10
*York Church	10.00
Mrs. Mary C. Merrifield Bequest..	500.00
Total	\$1,585.90

ORDINATIONS

It is reported that a very representative Chicago council refused to recommend the ordination of a candidate, a graduate of college and seminary, until he had reconsidered his statements and completely changed his attitude toward the New Testament. That is the right attitude. That council and other councils, both in the big city and down state, should take a positive attitude toward ordaining men to the Christian ministry. Men who will not go to school and know but little of the New Testament should not be ordained until they more fully prepare themselves and men who have gone to school a great deal and do not believe the New Testament should not be ordained until their theological minds are in accord with the teachings of the New Testament.

Rev. L. E. Ellison, pastor at Arcola who is spending six months on a leave of absence in the southern soldier camps, writes a very interesting letter. He says he expects to be present at the Bloomfield Association and will assist in the patriotic service and service

flag demonstration. He says, "The men are turning to Christ by the hundreds and it is thrilling to witness and have part in it."

Rev. D. H. Morwood, an aged minister who recently went from Benson, Illinois to Salem, Oregon, writes some lines for the Bulletin. He says, "The atmosphere out here in Oregon differs from the east not only physically but also religiously. There are a goodly number of Baptists scattered around among the hills and valleys of this beautiful state, most of whom I believe think for themselves a little more than the great body of our people living east of the Rocky Mountains. The question of uniting the Baptists with the great mass of 'camaufage' Christians does not meet with as much favor here as it does there. The tide of feeling against the federation movement is growing stronger every time it is discussed."

CHURCHES

The First Baptist Church at Danville makes a very encouraging report in its letter to the Association. Dr. Krumreig has just entered upon the sixth year of his work upon that field. During the past year they have received forty-two new members, twelve by baptism, twenty-two by letter and eight by experience. The total membership of the church now is five hundred sixteen. When Dr. Krumreig went there it was about one hundred eighty-five. They are nearer clearing the splendid church property from debt than for several years past. The church has contributed for beneficence during the year including contributions for Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and other things \$1,-

015.58. The current expenses amount to \$5,457.45. This includes \$2,000 paid on the building.

Rev. J. H. Cozad has been pastor of the Moweaqua church for about one year. He has had splendid success. They have put about \$1,000 repairs on the meeting house and will have a re-opening and fellowship meeting the first Sunday in September. The church was in debt \$780 when he began work for back current expenses. That is now down to \$267. The church has paid the pastor his salary in full and promptly and the Board has recommended an increase of \$300 next year.

The Plainfield church of which Rev. J. D. Crumly has been pastor one and a half years, is doing very good work. The pastor and his wife like the field and the people seem well pleased with their pastor. Plainfield is a beautiful place in which to live. The pastor has a good parsonage and he is an excellent gardener as well as pastor.

The First church, Joliet, of which Rev. E. J. Parsons is pastor, has done excellent work during the four years Brother Parsons has been there. The church was in a very discouraged condition when he went there, but has gained very much in strength.

The Arcola church of which Rev. L. E. Ellison is pastor, gave him a six months' leave of absence to become camp pastor in Arkansas on full salary on condition that his wife should preach and act as pastor in his absence. This she is doing very satisfactorily.

The Girard church has been pastorless since last winter. They are now looking for a man to fill that place. They have a good meeting house and a good parsonage, and a nice field. There are some substantial men who are members and with the right pastor to lead them now, a fine work should be accomplished on that field.

The Mt. Sterling church has been pastorless since last March. This is a county seat town and the Baptists have a good meeting house and that will be a good place for some man to locate for one-half time. There are some good part-time churches within reasonable distance of Mt. Sterling that ought to combine with it in the support of a pastor.

The Gifford church is a good Baptist interest on the eastern side of the state. It has a splendid meeting house and parsonage. Rev. E. B. Williams has been pastor for about two years. He has been elected principal of the schools in the town for the coming year and will do that work in connection with his church work.

COUNCIL

On Tuesday, Aug. 13th, a council composed of two representatives of the Board of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, twelve pastors of churches in the Bloomfield Association, six deacons, and one other member of the First Baptist church of Champaign, Ill., met in council at the invitation of this church, in their house of worship, to investigate very serious charges against their pastor, Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D., the following recommendation was made to the church:

To the First Baptist Church, Champaign, Ill.—Greetings.

We, the council assembled on Aug. 13th, 1918, in your place of worship, according to the call, on authority of your church, Aug. 2nd, 1918; have heard, and received the charges, and the evidence for and against your pastor, Rev. D. O. Hopkins. After careful consideration of all of the evidence submitted to us, we have found the charges against Dr. Hopkins without a just foundation.

Your Council also declares to you its utmost confidence in the character of Mr. Hopkins as a Christian gentleman, and its confidence in his integrity as a Christian minister.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a few days' meetings at Payson in the Quincy Association, aiding Pastor H. F. Jones. He is now holding a tent meeting at Thomas, a point in the Ottawa Association.

Missionary N. T. Hafer spent a month in Southern Illinois working at McLeansboro and East St. Louis. He reports hard work but good meetings at both places.

Missionary Colbert keeps busy on the territory of the Alton Association. Brother Colbert is an intense worker, rarely takes a vacation, and is ready to help at any of the weak fields or destitute places in that large association.

CHURCHES

Rev. Albert Gordonier reports the work progressing in a very encouraging way at LaMoille. He recently located on that field.

On July 14th the Bethany church of Peoria with one hundred fifty-six members, was received into the First church of that city and sixteen new members were received on that day into the First church. This was accomplished by a unanimous vote of both churches. The First church will employ an assistant pastor who will preach at Bethany church and the other mission church in that city. The First church a few years ago dedicated a fine brick meeting house for the Mission Sunday School. This will keep the work and Sunday School together going at Bethany church and supply preaching for half time in another part of the city. This seemed to be the best arrangement that the Baptists in Peoria could make as it seemed almost impossible for Bethany to become a self supporting church. On Sunday, June 21st, the church unfurled its service flag with forty-eight stars, with one gold star for one soldier who was killed in action in France, June 15th. Wednesday, the 22nd, Pastor Joseph Hazen went to Michigan for one month's vacation.

Rev. Wm. H. Beeby began supplying the church at Loda, November 18th, 1917. On July 14th he closed the work there for the present. The most of this time he preached for the church every Sunday morning and was with the Sunday School every session. On July 14th the church voted to close the work until the finances can be straightened up. Some repairs on the property are needed and some debts to be paid. We hope that the work can be started again at Loda in the near future.

Rev. John Simpson has been pastor at White Hall for the past four years.

The past year has been the most successful for a number of years. The church has planned to raise next year \$1,800 for current expenses and \$500 for debts, making \$2,300. Twenty-two hundred dollars of this has already been pledged and some families not yet solicited. Last September the church increased its pastor's salary \$100 and in June of this year increased it \$100 more.

The Clayton church, of which Rev. F. L. Enslow is pastor, seems to be doing good work. Last year was the greatest in the church's history for beneficent giving. The pastor has taken an automobile trip into Nebraska. On the day before he left they had a delightful preaching and quarterly communion service.

The Shelbyville church of which Rev. Chas. R. Shepherd is pastor, seems to be getting along well. The congregations are better than they have. Superintendent addressed the congregation at Greenville. Rev. J. H. Martin has been the pastor of that field for two years. The work seems to be progressing very nicely. The Sunday School and congregation are good, but many of the young men have gone into the army. We appreciated our visit with our brethren at Greenville very much. On Sunday night we visited the Bethany church, six miles into the country from Highland. This church is made up of the descendants of French people who located in that country. They have a good meeting house and parsonage and support a pastor on the field. It is perhaps the best country church in southern Illinois. Rev. W. W. Hodge has been pastor for about two years and seems to be very much appreciated by his peo-

ple and he and his wife seem to like that field very much. We had a fine congregation and good interest.

Sunday morning, July 7th, the Editor spent the forenoon with the Havana church and Sunday School. Rev. J. G. Little has been pastor on that field for five years and has done very good work. It is perhaps the longest pastorate the church has ever had and no other pastor has been in the city nearly so long as Brother Little. The Central Illinois Association will meet with that church in September.

Sunday morning, July 14th, the Editor gave the sermon at the opening of the Chautauqua at Paw Paw. It was a union service. The attendance was quite good and the people listened very attentively to what the preacher had to say. We did not see the Baptist people alone but were splendidly entertained in the home of the pastor, Rev. A. B. Wimmer. He seems to be getting along quite well on that field. Paw Paw is a good church organized with good property. We spent Sunday night with the Princeton church and were entertained in the home of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Pierce. He has been pastor at Princeton for four years and the church has done very good work along all lines since he entered the field.

The steamer Columbia took an excursion of several hundred people up the river from Pekin for an outing, July 12th. On returning about midnight between Peoria and Pekin, in a dense fog the steamer ran into the bank and was wrecked. About eighty-five lives were lost. The Baptist church suffered some losses. Miss Vera Flower, pianist and teacher in

the primary department of the Sunday School, was drowned. Miss Esther Belleville, secretary of the school, was rescued and at last accounts was convalescing in a Pekin hospital. The pastor had five funerals, all of which were affiliated with the church or friends of the church.

PERSONAL

Rev. Chas. R. Shepherd, pastor at Shelbyville, spent quite a number of years as a foreign missionary teacher in China. He has prepared an address upon "Missions in War Time." He will give this address at the annual meeting of any of the local Associations in Illinois that would like to have him, if they will pay his expenses. He can be addressed at his home in Shelbyville.

Rev. Jesse E. Hart, pastor of the Baptist church at Buda, has been accepted as a candidate for the Chaplains' Training School at Camp Taylor, Ky. He left his church early in July for this work.

CHURCHES

Rev. A. C. Hodgson seems to be starting well with the Marquette Road church in Chicago. He has sent in a good club for the Bulletin and that church is planning for a free lecture course during the coming season. They are planning for five or six lectures about one month apart.

Rev. W. E. Pool, pastor of the Olney church writes on the 30th of July concerning the work there, "Had splendid services Sunday, good congregation both morning and evening, took a Missionary offering at the close of the morning service, had one conversion in the morning."

**THE FINAL MONTH FOR STATE
MISSIONS**

A single month only remains to complete the offerings on apportionment for State Missions. The orbit of our year's giving has two foci, occurring one October first, the other April first. These are respectively the dates of completion of the fiscal year for the State objects and the National objects included in our apportionment and in the list of objects for which offerings are to be sent through the newly organized Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence.

The report for August is a favorable one, especially for State Missions, which has a considerable increase over the same period of last year, yet many of the churches will need to spur themselves to action in order to avoid failing to get their apportionment on time this year. This goal is the first to be reached in the history of our new Board of Beneficence and we are naturally all of us anxious to make the best showing possible at this time. It should be remembered that the expense of the State work, like that of the National objects, has been very largely increased on account of the war. Our Superintendent of Missions, Dr. Brand, and all of his helpers must pay one-third more and sometimes an even greater proportion for travel and the price of everything else has been increased greatly. Let us remember this fact and if possible not rest with merely raising the apportionment but add something to meet these extraordinary needs. Send all money on apportionments to the Secretary of the Board of Beneficence.

Augustine S. Carman,
19 S. La Salle Street, Chicago.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Mr. and Mrs. Olson are giving themselves without stint to the service of the orphanage. Their task is exacting and perplexing, but they are seriously and vigorously undertaking to perform it. In addition to the burden involved in the direction of the domestic life of the orphanage, Mrs. Olson has also assumed the entire responsibility of directing and performing educational activities. The Irvington School Directors, recognizing her worth as an educator, urged her to take charge of the public school, established for the benefit of the orphanage children, and employed her.

Our general farm crops were seriously injured by the extended drought. This was especially true of the corn, which had also to contend with chintzbugs. To provide against both of these dangers we have been for some years planting cow peas or soy beans in the hill with our corn. This year we laid the corn by early and then drilled between the rows cow peas. The recent rains are helping us out with a splendid growth of peas and beans, thus insuring plenty of fodder for cattle and horses, and we will have some corn.

There will be no coming to Egypt to buy corn this year. Egypt will need to go somewhere to secure her corn supply.

Our new industrial building is nearing completion. Unless our churches get busy on balance of the \$5,000.00 improvement fund we will have an embarrassing debt.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

At the last meeting of the trustees, it developed that the efforts of the Publicity Department to keep all informed as to the affairs of the Home, and especially the financial situation have greatly failed of their purpose. It was thought that information of all acquisitions to the endowment fund would encourage all and stimulate to larger giving and personal endeavor of every kind. Such does not seem to have been the case, however, and many instances have been related where persons approached on the matter of giving to the up-keep expenses have cited the fact of recent bequests, with the income derived therefrom, and finding in these small revenues reason for a suspension of effort on the part of those from whom help is to be expected, and thereby imperiling our financial situation in the immediate future.

We may be wrong in this, and it is to be hoped we are, yet in many quarters it is apparent that our "Old People's Home" is not considered as seriously as it should be in the light of a denominational liability. This is unfortunate in the extreme. Not only must it be classed as such, but of increasing proportions as well.

Within the last year our residence membership has increased. The salary list has kept pace with such demands in other fields of endeavor, and as to the percent cost of living increase, it is simply waste of time to call attention to that. You know as well as we, and many of our readers better. All our running expense bills must be and

are paid every month. Our Old People are cared for in a way that admits of no criticism. They must and do have the best of all creature comforts. Early in the Home's history a standard of living was established and has been rigidly adhered to. This, we are assured is as you all would have it. Obviously, we cannot make any considerable changes in our living program, and just as obviously it all goes to swell the grand total of bills payable, and complicates our domestic situation. Some of the reasons cited are "The war," yes, most assuredly. "The Church," quite so, the church is struggling with added burdens as we all know, and there is no immediate prospect of lessening the responsibilities, but, we all must be fed. Our Maywood Home was carried on our hearts before the awful war-curse fell upon us, and the church is its parent and sponsor, and in it has an added burden which should be considered in the light of an asset, and a blessing to us.

Will you not come to our Annual Election to be held the evening of October 15, at the Home, and get acquainted? You will be very glad if you do, and secure for yourself a most enjoyable time.

You are asked to refer to THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK, on page 104, is our letter with statistics which will be edifying and which cannot well be reproduced here.

To the churches, to the Ladies' Societies and to you ALL as individuals, we appeal to be remembered.

L. D. Ingersoll.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

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Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

ANNUAL MEETING IN KEWANEE, OCTOBER 15. WILL YOU BE THERE?

To Reading Contest Chairmen—
Greetings:

Do you realize that we are about to enter upon the last month of our Reading Contest? Will you not put forth an extra effort to encourage the women and girls to read as many books as possible during the remaining weeks before Oct. 1st. Then come the reports. I do so want to get a report from every church in the state this year.

I trust there is a Reading Contest Chairman in every Baptist church in the State of Illinois, but I have not been able to get all the names, so if, in your church, dear reader, there is no chairman, please consider yourself appointed to look after the matter, will you?

When you receive your report blank, please answer every one of the questions, even if you must say "No Books Read," and return same to your Association President, not later than Oct. 5th. You see I have given you the very last day I dare, so please try to get the reports in on time.

Do you all know of the Poster plan? It is to have each Association represented at the State Convention by a poster, expressing some thought suggested by the reading. 20x28 is a good size. If you know of any one in your church who could do this, will

you inform your Association President, immediately, sending name and address. She will appreciate it. Now all together for the grand finale.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. C. M. CHURCH,
State Chairman.

Those looking for programs for afternoon or evening entertainment can get some helpful suggestions in July Missions, under the title of "The Open Forum." There are also several new exercises or suggested programs which may be secured from the Headquarters of either of the women's societies. As all of these are original with some one, why not be original yourself and get up something new, then pass it on? The popularity of the W. W. Guild is constantly increasing. At the annual meeting held in Atlantic City when it closed its third year, there were 2,225 chapters reported, with an enrollment of nearly 25,000 girls. The aim is to have a chapter in every church in our state. If one cannot be organized with the number you desire, start with less and others will come in when they learn what good times you are having. There is now a new plan which has for its aim an Essay Contest. In another issue of this page we think you will learn more about it. If not write to your state officers for information.

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Chicago Union held its annual moonlight boatribe on the steamer Florida. A fair sized crowd being in attendance and the lake behaving itself. A good time was reported by those present and the City Union realized a neat sum on commissions from tickets. President Phelps has plans under way for the greatest "service drive" ever made in the city by the lake. Weekly meetings are being held by the city officers. A monthly meeting of all the districts and city officials and committee chairmen is planned.

Every emphasis possible will be put upon the "Standard." All unions will be urged to attempt to attain it. Specific help for the unions desiring it will be offered. Specialists in the various items of the standard will be ready to assist them and it is hoped that Chicago will thereby produce more "Standard—Star and Striving" Unions than ever before.

Ottawa Association B. Y. P. U. will hold its annual picnic on Labor Day, at Deer Park. This is a beautiful place a short distance from the famous Starved Rock. With propitious weather Ottawa will have a good crowd, and a good time—they always do.

The Chicago "Oskawawa" are also planning a great Labor Day Rally at the "Wigwam of the Phelp's." The

"poet Laureate" of the tribe has broken loose with "The Call of the Oskies" as follows:

"Fore the frost gets on the pumpkins,
'Fore the foddors put in shock,
While the days are light and longer,
'Fore you're called to change the clock;

After loafin' all the summer,
And a restin' here and there,
Don't you think the time has ripened,
For an Oskawawa 'fair?'—
(More anon), (with apologies to Riley.)

It is needless to say that a crowded "wigwam" will be the answer to that call.

'Tention Oskawawa! Our State Convention will meet at Kewanee Oct. 14-17. Matters of great importance affecting our state union will come up for consideration. You are urged to send some of your members to this meeting. Oct. 17th is B. Y. P. U. Day.

Kewanee is on the Burlington railroad, a short distance east of Galesburg. Peoria, Ottawa, Bloomington, Rock Island, Bloomfield, Springfield, Rock River, Aurora and Chicago B. Y. P. U. associations ought to have many delegates at this meeting. A change in the state constitution is to be considered.

BE PATRIOTIC

And Go to College

"Over the Top"—There are Three Trenches to Take.

Trench 1—"Indiscriminate Volunteering."

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD says: "Boys should remember that they are now serving in the best possible way by preparing themselves to serve more efficiently when the time comes * * * It is a great mistake for partly educated young boys to rush to the colors now. We don't need them. It is very important that they should finish their education."

NEWTON D. BAKER says one reason why the government is establishing the Student Army Training Corps in our colleges next fall is "to prevent unnecessary and wasteful depletion of the colleges through indiscriminate volunteering by offering to the students a definite and immediate military status."

Trench 2—"Jobs and Salary."

STATE SUPT. F. G. BLAIR says: "The great demands of the industries for young men and women, with the large inducements in salary are threatening the attendance in our high schools and higher institutions. Sound patriotism and wise statesmanship unite in demanding that we do not allow the training of our young men and women to be short circuited in this way."

Trench 3.—"Stay at Home."

Folks at home, make the needed sacrifice—go the second mile—to keep the boy and girl in school—for their welfare and the country's sake.

U. S. COMMISSIONER P. P. CLAXTON says: "The number of boys and girls entering college next fall ought to be much larger than usual. All young men below draft age should be urged to remain in colleges, universities and technical schools, AS A PATRIOTIC DUTY."

The U. S. Soldiers are doing their dangerous duty!

The Jackies are doing their difficult duty!

The Marines are doing their duty gloriously!

YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN, DO YOUR DUTY.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE IS THE BAPTIST COLLEGE OF THE STATE. GO TO YOUR OWN COLLEGE AND DO A DOUBLE DUTY.

Information upon request.

GEORGE M. POTTER, President.
Alton, Illinois.

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"The Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

Christian Enlistment Week

November 17 to 24, 1918

National Committee of Northern Baptist Laymen

A meeting called by the laymen's organization met in a large hotel near Lake Michigan one mile from the railroad station at Highland Park, Sept. 6-8. One hundred four representatives were there from the northern states, one from Maine, two from California, two from Oregon, one from Washington, and at least one representative from almost every state. The first session was spent entirely in prayer. The greatest thing considered in the two and one-half days was the Christian Enlistment week, November 17-24. This is not a financial drive but a spiritual drive. A strong effort will be made to get every member of the church in every church in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention lined up for some definite work, and an effort made to get every person within the influence of the church to take some definite stand toward the Christian life. It is hoped that every church can be organized for this work and that laymen and women can be secured to go out, two men together or two women together, to visit these people and get them to sign a card that at some

points will pledge them to something definite for Christ and His Kingdom.

The following is a copy of the "WAR ROLL" card that everyone visited will be asked to sign and to state on how many things he may be counted for:

WAR ROLL

At this time of World Crisis and human need I PLEDGE MY ALLEGIANCE to JESUS CHRIST as LORD and MASTER.

Signature

Address

Check here: New..... Renewed.....

Count on me for

- 1 Church Attendance
- 2 Prayer Meeting Attendance.....
- 3 Family Worship
- 4 Daily Prayer
- 5 Daily Bible Reading
- 6 Membership Women's Mission Society
- 7 Membership Men's Organization.....
- 8 Regular and Proportionate Giving
 - (a) To Church
 - (b) To Missions
- 9 Co-operation to Raise the Apportionment
- 10 Subscription to "Missions".....
- 11 Subscription to a Baptist Weekly
- 12 Personal Service in Church Work
- 13 Support of National Prohibition Amendment

Committees will be or are appointed in each state and they will appoint committees in each association and they will see that committees are appointed

in each local church. We hope that all our people will get interested in this movement before the first of November. They will see much of it in the weekly papers and hear of it from the pulpit.

PASTORS' SALARIES

One of the most discouraging things in our church life today as a result of the war is that every thing has advanced in price from sixty percent to one hundred percent in two years and our churches as a rule do not seem to think that has any bearing upon church affairs. All kinds of farm products have advanced about one hundred percent, cattle, hogs, chickens, eggs, butter, all kinds of fruits and vegetables, wheat, corn, oats, etc. Labor has nearly doubled within two years. This great increase in the income of the people makes it easy to increase the expenses of the churches. And pastors could live as well on a salary of \$800 and parsonage two years ago as on \$1,200 and parsonage now. They could live as well and better on a salary of \$1,500 two years ago than on a salary of \$2,000 now. Yet, notwithstanding this fact seems so perfectly plain, only a few churches have made considerable increase in the support of the pastor, and the great majority of them have made no increase at all. Some churches that are pastorless are trying to locate the same grade of men on the same support that they paid two years ago. This seems to be a cold and heartless position for the churches to take. They do not mean it that way. Most of our churches are good and sympathetic but many of them are slow to learn some things. They seem to think that the pastor is

the only being on earth that an increase of prices does not affect. They will see their mistake after a while but it will be too late with many of them. Some of our pastors are braving this hardship nobly. Some of them have been doing any kind of work they can to help out with their support. Some farmers have been paying their pastors \$4.00 and \$5.00 per day and board to help in harvest time. They did not feel that it was too much to pay them for manual labor but never seemed to think that they should increase the salary. We hope all our churches will take this matter to heart and do something reasonable before the winter is over.

Died near the middle of September at her home in Normal, Illinois, Mrs. H. M. Cox. Sister Cox had been for many years one of the leaders in the Women's Missionary work in Central Illinois. She was not only efficient in Missionary work but in all branches of church service. She leaves a husband, two boys, both in the army, and one daughter in southern California. She will be greatly missed by the Normal church, the Women's Missionary Society of the Bloomington Association, and the Women's work in the State of Illinois.

The two negro soldiers from New York who have won the French war cross by putting twenty Germans to flight while on a night raid into the American lines only began what promises to be a brilliant military record by the negro regiments of America on Europe's battlefields.—Springfield Republican.

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BEFORE another issue of the Bulletin is published the meetings of the State Convention will have come and gone. We are at this time anticipating a strong meeting in Kewanee.

WE have an unusually strong and well prepared program for this year. It is full of good things. Strong speakers have been secured and all matters of denominational interest will be considered.

THIS is the first time in fifty-five years that the Convention has passed through a year when the country was engaged in a great war. The war during the past year has affected our religious work greatly. Apparently all the young men are gone from our churches and their absence is felt very much.

IN SOME churches large classes of young men have been broken up because they have nearly all gone into some branch of the government service. People have been thinking and talking about war conditions and giving for war expenses, etc., until they have in too large a measure forgotten about their church life and church responsibilities.

THE attendance at the local Associations has been exceedingly small this year and the reports of additions

to the churches by baptism has been smaller than for many years. While the statistics are not yet compiled, there is little doubt but what there will be a loss in membership in the churches in the state this year.

GOD has not ceased to exist because of war times, nor does He withhold His blessings because of that. Some churches during this past year have had marvelous success and have made great advancements. It seems as though there has never been a time when there are such great blessings for the churches that are willing to make a heroic effort and live up to the critical times such as we have today.

THERE are no Christian people in the world that should be so zealous and self-sacrificing to stand by their principles and preaching and teaching their doctrines as the Baptists at this time. The great principles that the armies are fighting for today are the very things for which the Baptists have contended for fully three centuries and for which many of them were imprisoned and some of them put to death. It is no time for Baptists to slack up in their work and in their teaching when the world seems to be running toward some of their fundamental beliefs.

THE next twelve months will mean very much for the Baptists. They will make great progress or they will fall back rapidly. Now is a time when we cannot stand still. Now is the time to put forth our best energy and thought and time and money into the Lord's work. The war will not be won if we simply save Democracy. We must save Democracy and Spiritual Religion.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alton, First Church	\$ 19.95
*Amboy Church	10.24
Alton Church	7.44
*Atlanta Church	7.00
*Antioch Church	15.00
*Arcola Church	35.00
*Aurora, First Church	144.00
American Baptist Home Mission Society	175.70
Atlanta, Mrs. H. W. McClure (S. E. F.)	5.00
*Bethany Church (Alton Assn.) ..	1.00
Baptist Board of Education	75.00
Bethel Church, by J. M. Barrett ..	1.00
*Bethel Church	10.00
*Chicago, West Pullman Church ..	9.00
Chicago, North Shore Church	70.00
Chicago, Belden Ave., Church	10.50
*Chicago, Garfield Park Church ..	47.00
*Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church ..	58.00
Chicago, Galilee Church	1.57
*Chicago, Epiphany Church	9.00
*Chicago, Irving Park Church	29.75
*Chicago, Logan Square	18.00
Carterville Church	7.00
Chrisman Church	6.08
Canton Church	5.06
*Carlinville Church	2.75
*Cedar Creek Church	8.00
*Cazenovia Church	1.00
Cottonwood Church	6.00
*Cordova Church	20.00
*Champaign, First Church	50.00
Decatur, East Park Church	3.89
*Diamond Grove Church	2.00
*El Paso Church	91.84
El Paso Sunday School	8.16
Evanston, First Church	84.00
*Elvaston Church, H. O. Graufe ..	5.00
Thomas Garvey and wife	5.75
Freeport Church	42.00
Fairbury Church	13.75
Fairview Church	5.00
*Fosterburg Church	17.00
Graymont Church	10.31
*Greenville Church	32.00
Hammond Church	2.90
Havana Church	16.29
*Harvey Church	10.00
Interest on loans	137.50
*Joliet, First Church	15.67
Kewanee Church	18.75
*Kilbourne Church	7.00
Lexington Church	1.62
*La Salle Church	15.50
Lexington Church	3.45
*Mt. Zion Church	4.00
*Mt. Vernon, First Church	6.00
*Manchester Church	5.45
*Murphysboro Church	81.00

*Minonk Church	4.26
*Macomb Church	8.00
*Moline, First Church	65.00
*Moweaqua Church	53.00
*Mt. Carroll Church	156.40
*Marseilles Church	7.00
*Mt. Vernon, Second Church	50.00
Missionary Committee of Quincy Assn.	25.00
Normal Sunday School	2.58
*Oreana Church	27.00
*Orion Church	37.00
Olney Church	5.04
*Osceola Church	51.60
Percy Church .....	.89
Plymouth Church	6.00
*Pontiac Church	132.25
*Paw Paw Church	21.00
*Percy Church	1.78
*Payson Church	3.00
*Quincy, Central Church	116.00
*Rock Island, First Church	51.00
Rockford, First Church	36.00
*Raritan Church	23.00
Robinson Church	3.90
Rent, Oklahoma House Rent	13.00
Rent, Tonica Parsonage	25.00
*Rockford, State St. Church	13.75
Rebate on Expense	16.26
Sycamore Church	2.51
*Sterling Church	24.75
Sparland Church	5.65
*Swygert Church	2.00
Streator Church	25.00
*Toulon Church	100.38
*Tremont Church	40.00
*Tuscola Church	18.00
*Troy Church	4.16
University Church	30.00
Urbana, Cunningham Ave. Ch.	6.00
*Uniontown Church	5.00
Woodstock Church	1.63
*Wilmette Church	3.95
*Warren Church	5.90
*Waverly Church	1.00
White Swan Church	1.00
Total	\$2,742.58

ASSOCIATIONS

The Greene-Jersey Association met in Jerseyville, August 28-29. The meetings were held in the beautiful new Baptist church in that city. Our church in Jerseyville has one of the completest buildings in the state outside of Chicago. Rev. Joseph Jenkins is the popular and successful pastor. The larger churches in the Association, viz Roodhouse, White Hall, Carrollton, Kane and Jerseyville all have good pas-

tors and are doing well. Some of the smaller churches sent up good reports. Martins Prairie, a country church has built a new meeting house. All Missionary and Educational interests were well considered at the meeting.

The Salem Association met in Macomb. The weather was very rainy and the attendance was small. The church, of which Rev. R. H. Waldo is pastor, entertained the Association well. Four or five of the churches are pastorless but all the full-time churches have pastors and seem to be doing well.

The Bloomington Association is one of the strongest Associations in the state. Nearly all its churches support a pastor for full time, but quite a number are pastorless at this time. One of the Baptist weaknesses is the short pastorates. In the Bloomington Association there are seven pastors who have been in the Association less than one year, and only one as long as seven years. The number of baptisms were fewer than ever before, and the number of baptisms reported in all the Associations this year is exceedingly small. Rainy weather and election and registration day caused the attendance to be very small at the Bloomington Association this year. The meeting was held in Delavan where Rev. Mr. Hilton became pastor within the year. He is getting along well in this field.

The Bloomfield Association met with Arthur church September 11-13. Rev. O. P. Miles, D.D., is pastor of the Arthur church. They built a fine brick nine-roomed parsonage for him during the past year. That church seems to be in good condition. The Association was one of the best attended we have visited this year. It is the second Association in the state in the ex-

tent of its good Mission territory and in the strength of its churches. Several splendid fields with two churches supporting one pastor could be formed in that Association. These double fields could give a support of \$1,200 and free parsonage. The Missionary interest of that Association was given much good time. Dr. D. O. Hopkins was re-elected Moderator of the Association and enthusiastically elected Missionary for that field. Everybody seems to feel that they have secured a strong preacher and good and successful man for that very important missionary field. All the denominational interests were well considered and the program provided for a patriotic service the last night of the meeting. The Editor could not remain for that service. The Missionary Committee was authorized to raise \$2,000 for Associational Missions.

The Quincy Association met with the Griggsville church September 17-18. There had been no invitation for the Association until a short time before the meeting and there had been a very hard rain in that section so that automobiles could not run. These and other causes made the attendance very small. Pastor Burden and his people took good care of all who attended. The Griggsville church seems to be in good condition and the outlook for the church is hopeful. There are quite a number of pastorless fields in this Association. Only forty-nine baptisms were reported by the entire Association. However, although the past year has not shown progress, the outlook for the future seems more hopeful. Rev. R. V. Meigs has taken charge of the Central church of Quincy and was elected moderator of the Association.

The Missionary Committee seems inclined to take hold with a strong hand the coming year and the State Convention is ready to assist on that field. The General Missionaries and Educational objects were well considered.

The new Wabash Valley Association met with the First Baptist Church in Olney, September 18-20. There had been heavy rains and the roads were very muddy. Quite a number had planned to come by auto and could not. The attendance was fairly good and the interest very deep throughout. The Fairfield, Flora, Olney, Newton, Mt. Zion, First Hutsonville and Willow Hill churches were represented. Outside visitors were A. C. Kelley, A. S. Carman, W. B. Morris, E. P. Brand, Mrs. W. P. Topping and Miss Ashmore and Miss Black from Chicago represented the Women's Home and Foreign Missions. These churches and some others in that section have been doing but little Associational work for quite a number of years. But now the indications are that they will take a strong interest in philanthropic and denominational work both at home and abroad. Rev. W. E. Pool of Olney, was elected moderator and Rev. I. C. Tedford of Hutsonville, clerk. Mr. Herne of Olney, was elected treasurer. The women enthusiastically organized themselves for work in the Association.

CHURCHES

The Willow Hill church of which Rev. J. L. Ryan is pastor, has put more than \$400 in repairs upon the pews and other parts of the church building.

On September 1st the Flora church of which Rev. C. H. Wells is pastor, raised a little more than \$500 to pay off all indebtedness and needed improve-

ments. That church seems to be in good condition.

Rev. J. C. Hazen sends in a printed financial statement of the budget of the First Church of Peoria for the coming year. Every item of home expenses and benevolence is put down. The entire amount for current expenses is \$7,250. Total amount of the benevolence, \$2,055, total amount of missionary work in Peoria, \$1,863, making the total of benevolences \$3,918 and the amount that the church has planned to raise for the year is \$11,168.40. That church has made wonderful progress since Brother Hazen began his pastorate there a little more than two years ago.

The First Church of Decatur observed its seventy-fifth anniversary on September 15th and for two or three days preceding. The very rainy Sunday morning and the prohibition of automobiles running made the attendance comparatively small Sunday morning, but the interest was good. Pastor Marsh read a good brief history of the church and Superintendent Brand gave a short talk upon a comparison of the work seventy-five years ago and the present day. Decatur church has made great advancement since Dr. Marsh took the work about three years ago.

The church at Amboy is still pastorless. They now have Rev. S. H. Rosseau of Cape Town, South Africa, as a student supply but he will soon leave the University of Chicago for the seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. The Amboy church is a splendid field and we hope they will be able to locate a permanent pastor soon.

A few months ago Rev. E. A. Hobbs returned from South Dakota after the

death of his wife to be near his children who are stopping with their grandmother in Pekin. He visited the Ocoya church which had been closed up for several years and began preaching on Sunday and working on the farms during the week and the whole community seems to have wakened up as not before in many years. On September 15th it was a rainy Sunday but there was a good congregation. They raised the entire budget of the missionary apportionment for the year and cleared off \$100 indebtedness that had been standing against the church. They are having good services. Brother Hobbs came from both the Dakotas, highly recommended for his Missionary work in those states.

The church at Morrisonville of which Rev. J. W. Patterson is pastor, seems to be making progress. He writes on September 11th as follows: "Had thirty in prayer meeting tonight. We have installed a new basement under the church with parlor, dining room and kitchen and have enjoyed it on several occasions."

Rev. Chas. H. Davies, pastor at Marissa, Illinois, writes, "We are back on the field after having enjoyed a four weeks' vacation. During our absence the church undertook some repair work on the inside of the building. The walls have been papered and all the interior woodwork grained, including the seats. It now presents an inviting and restful appearance which is greatly admired by all."

The Fairfield church, of which Rev. Samuel Hoekstra is pastor, decided on August 28th to become a member of the new Wabash Valley Association. This was a wise movement on the part of the Fairfield church and will enable

it to be in touch with those churches and organizations that are along the line with the Northern Baptists. Most of the people who live in Illinois want to be conscious of the fact that they are living in a northern state and do not belong to the south.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. H. L. Mounce, after serving as pastor at Elvaston for a few months, has left that field and located at Cornell.

Rev. J. B. McKendry who has been pastor at Mendota about two years, has resigned that work to accept a call to Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Cairo to re-enter the evangelistic field. The church passed a very strong resolution as an appreciation of his work, recommended by the trustees. Any church desiring evangelistic assistance will do well to correspond with Dr. Lamkin.

Rev. Chas. C. Colby who has been pastor at Toulon for quite a number of years has been appointed by the government as a chaplain and assigned to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, for five weeks' training, beginning October 4th.

Rev. Chas. R. Shepherd, pastor at Shelbyville, has accepted a call for Y. M. C. A. work and has left that field. We have not learned whether he has been given a leave of absence or whether his resignation has been accepted.

(Later. His resignation has been accepted and the church desires to locate a pastor.)

Rev. Herbert H. Smith after having been pastor about five or six years at Woodstock, Illinois, resigned the pas-

torate of the church, but the church practically unanimously voted refusing to accept the resignation, so he reconsidered the matter and decided to remain for a while longer on that field. Brother Smith is an excellent pastor and has done good work wherever he has been.

Rev. O. C. Kirkham has resigned the pastorate of the Tiskilwa church to take effect October 1st. He was pastor of that church for about fifteen years and is now past eighty years of age. He has continued his work regularly up to the time of his resignation.

The opening of the Women's Training School in Chicago was a matter of considerable interest. Some of the speakers were Rev. Carl D. Case, pastor at Oak Park and Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor Second church, Chicago, and Dr. Chas. A. Brooks, Foreign Secretary of the Home Mission Society in New York.

PERSONALS

Evangelist J. M. Edmundson who has been working for some time in the state of Missouri, writes that he will close his evangelistic work there December first and after that will be ready for engagements in Illinois. He may be addressed at Columbia, Missouri.

Rev. John A. Howard and wife at Contai, Bengal, India, seem to be very active in Evangelistic and Missionary work. He writes of making a tour among the Santai villages but the greatest hindrance to the work and the greatest enemy of the people is drunkenness by drinking rice beer. Brother Howard is a son of Rev. John F. Howard and is well known in Illinois.

Rev. W. B. Morris, our Sunday

School and B. Y. P. U. director for Illinois, has resigned this position which he has held in Illinois for ten years and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Oshkosh church in Wisconsin. The Oshkosh church has a splendid stone building and is a good field. While we regret very much that Brother Morris will leave Illinois and the work for which he is so especially adapted, yet we are glad that he has secured so desirable a location in the pastorate. He will always be remembered for his splendid work in Illinois as pastor and as Sunday School Director. His pastorates were First Church, Cairo, Sterling, DeKalb and North Shore, Chicago. We hope the publication Society will secure a worthy successor to Brother Morris. He has spent about ten years in the Sunday School work.

A letter from Sandwich, Illinois, says: "The church work seems to be going on about the same, very little Baptist about it. Our church building is a box factory, so now the church is open six days in the week instead of one. Little people know how hard it is for us who wanted a church of our own to see the one we loved used so. Warn people wherever you can against federating."

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS

On September 14th our missionary pastor, Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe held an interesting baptismal service at La-Marsh church. He says: "Two boys and their mothers and the mothers' sister (a woman formerly of the State church, Germany), another woman of sixty-eight years and a prominent man, though delicate in health, of seventy-

one years of age. The baptism was held on Saturday because of gas conservation on Sunday. It was at La-Marsh Creek."

Missionary Hafer during the past month besides attending the Associations and doing much other spare work held a few days' meetings at Girard and Somonauk. At Girard the church held an important business meeting, elected officers and adopted some plans of organization and made arrangements to locate a pastor as soon as one can be secured. At Somonauk he baptized one person and received two others into the church and planned with them to secure a supply pastor from Chicago.

At this writing Rev. Francis L. Church is engaged in meetings at Delavan. The pastor writes a very encouraging letter concerning the first week of meetings. He speaks very highly of Evangelist Church's work and at that time there was considerable success in reaching the people.

Rev. Ray W. Barber, our missionary pastor at Tampico, seems to be getting along well with the work there. The church is making some progress. Brother Barber will attend school and supply the church during the coming year.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a meeting with the country field at Thomas in the Ottawa Association in a tent the latter part of August and early September. At this writing he is engaged in an evangelistic campaign with the Immanuel church, a good country field about eight miles from Monticello in the Springfield Association.

MISSIONARY CHURCHES

The Riverside church in Decatur, has made marvelous progress during

the past fifteen months. It seems to have been in a non-progressive condition for several years preceding but last summer year ago Rev. N. T. Hafer spent some time on the field, helped them to re-organize the work and secured Rev. Irving A. Fox as pastor. On Sunday afternoon, September 15th, they dedicated a splendid basement for a good church building. The basement is large and is well equipped and will accommodate about four hundred. This part of the building will cost about \$7,000 and they secured pledges enough to cover the whole amount. Since Pastor Fox began his work fifteen months ago, the church membership has greatly increased and the Sunday School doubled its membership, and all debts paid off the property.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

The Southern Association met with the First Baptist Church of Frankfort Heights, September 25-27. Rev. O. E. Meyerscough is the pastor. He gives full time to this church. They built a neat little parsonage about three years ago. It is rather a young organization but has made good progress and they know how to entertain an Association royally. The meeting was well attended and unusually good. The Associational letters indicated growth. There were more than two hundred baptisms and an increase in the membership of the Association. There was a large increase in giving for Missions. This Association gave about \$3,000 on the Laymen's Million Dollar Drive. The choir from the "Missions" Baptist church was present, twenty-three in number and sang twice. This shows a good spirit between these two Baptist

churches in Frankfort Heights. The women's interests were well represented. Dr. Lamkin of Cairo and Pastor Abbot of Murphysboro and Pastor Meads of Benton preached. Dr. Hafer made a strong address to a very large audience. Rev. J. W. Merrill of Carbondale was elected moderator and Rev. George A. Gordon of Aurora was elected clerk. Rev. T. O. McMinn of Makanda was elected Missionary of the Association for one year.

Dr. L. D. Lamkin has done so much evangelistic work in Illinois during the past 15 years, and has done such a very great work at Cairo during the past three years, that we feel like giving him the following space in the Bulletin as he goes back into the evangelistic work:

"The first conspicuous move after I became pastor of the church was to pay off a mortgage of \$500.00, and the mortgage was burned the first Christmas that I was here. Then began the increase of membership and the development of a Men's Bible Class which soon reached an enrollment of 220. The church has been unified and strengthened for service in its every department. There have been 162 additions to the church, most of these by baptism. The church is now moving upward in all its interest. The most marvelous feature is its rapid strides in benevolent contributions. Let it be remembered that there are no wealthy members in the church. But the spiritual life of the church has shown itself in its generous offerings for the past three years. Here is its progress financially in a tabulated form: In 1915, immediately after I became pastor the church gave to missions only

\$100.00. In 1916 they gave \$127.36. In 1917 they gave \$402.04. In 1918 they gave \$1,528.00. During our last fiscal year the church has raised for all benevolence, Missions, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., local expenses, and so forth, \$6,781.00. And during the three years of my pastorate they have raised for all purposes \$20,457.90. This seems incredible for a church whose members are all working people. But it has been done; and for this we praise the Lord.

"As much as I love this people and as vast as are the opportunities for good, I feel that my efforts are so limited that I must give myself to larger work. And so I have resigned to re-enter the evangelistic field where God so signally blessed my labors. Pray for me that I may have made no mistake in this decision.

Yours in Christ's Service,
L. D. Lamkin."

The Editor of the Bulletin had a good time at the Baccalaureate Exercises of the Moody Institute, Aug. 6. Eighty-four graduates received their diplomas. There were about twelve hundred or fifteen hundred people present and they gave good attention to the address and seemed to appreciate it. The speaker's theme was "Christian Service in War Time." The address continued forty-five minutes, after which the diplomas were distributed. Many Baptist students attend the Moody Bible Institute.

A GREAT OCCASION

On September 29th the Olivet Negro church in Chicago took possession of the property of the First Baptist church. They marched from the Olivet church on 27th and Dearborn

streets, to the First Church building on 30th street. It was about eleven o'clock when the procession arrived. Many hundreds of people had been waiting on the streets at the church building, some of them for an hour. The auditorium accommodated at least one thousand eight hundred and the rear rooms in the two stories will accommodate perhaps one thousand two hundred more. Services were conducted in the rear rooms and the whole building was packed full. The services were splendid. The first offering taken in the building was for Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by Dr. W. H. Main, pastor of the First church, Rev. F. L. Anderson, Superintendent of the Executive Council in Chicago, Mrs. John Chapman, representing the Women's Home Mission Society, E. P. Brand, Superintendent of the State Convention, and Dr. L. K. Williams, pastor of the Olivet church. The music was excellent and the spirit good. It did not look like the Baptists were surrendering this central portion of South Chicago, but while the white Baptists will seek a new location, the colored Baptists will cultivate that portion of the great city.

This item is being written on the first day of October. This is the close of our Convention year. We cannot tell yet how we have come out financially but the response of the churches for the past two weeks has been rather encouraging. We are at least hopeful that we will be able to close the year without indebtedness but the question of finances is only a part of the work of our State Convention. War conditions and weather conditions last winter and shortage of coal affected the work of our churches and Mission-

aries during the past year but we feel hopeful for the future. We hope that we shall be able to plan and carry out a larger work for the coming year than any year in the history of the Convention. Already plans are arranged for a first class Missionary in the Southern Association extending from Centralia and Mt. Vernon clear down to the Ohio river. One of the best preachers in the State has been secured as a Missionary on the eastern side of the State, taking in that large territory from Hoopeston and Gilman on the north to Charleston and Mattoon on the south, and possibly plans will be made to secure some other general workers for the State for the coming year. We hope there will be a general attendance of the members of the Board of the State Convention at Kewanee and that the members of the Board will come to that meeting not for the purpose of hearing speeches primarily, but for the purpose of transacting the business committed to it by the State Convention. The whole question of Missionary appointments, fixing of salaries, paying all expenses, etc., is committed by the Convention to the Executive Board and plenty of time should be taken for its consideration. The Executive Council in Chicago is doing good and aggressive Missionary work for that city. Outside the regular amounts which the church raised for city Mission work they have planned to raise \$100,000 in five years or \$20,000 per year for special work in that territory. Whenever people can begin to feel that the biggest thing in their lives is their Christianity and Christian experience we will have no trouble with regard to church and Missionary finances and no trouble with regard to securing sufficient capable men and women to do the work.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The entire summer has been a busy one at the Home. Though some of the children were taken out for a vacation, others came in to take their places and we have had from sixty to sixty-five children under our supervision constantly.

During vacation, some of the larger boys and girls were set to work and helped out considerably in doing the house work as well as in the garden. Our garden proved to be a blessing in that it supplied our table with good things for a time. Though it meant considerable work for the matron and superintendent, as one of them had to always be with the children when working in the garden.

However, we had some recognition from "Cook County War Garden Committee" for having one of the best gardens in the county. And we won the first prize for sweet corn, onions, navy beans and tomatoes.

The financial support of the Home has been very small during the summer, so small that it is becoming serious. Response from churches and individuals have dropped off fifty percent. And the demand for helping needy children has become greater than ever.

I find that in visiting churches, the term, "Benevolent Budget" is considered as embracing all the interests. Consequently, what we formerly received is thrown into the general budget. Whereas ours is a separate budget, and should be so designated

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Miss Hastings, sister of Mrs. Olson, was recently added to our teaching force and she is sharing with Mrs. Olson in the Hudelson school work. In addition to the ordinary grade work, we are now able to add shorthand and typewriting, thus giving such of our children as desire a business education, a start in that direction. During the winter Mr. Olson, who is a practical bookkeeper, will give some evening instruction in that important feature of all business enterprises. At present we have two girls who desire to fit themselves for office work. Mrs. Olson is also giving some special training in vocal and instrumental music, and the evenings given to singing and instrumental music are greatly enjoyed by our children who gather in the parlor.

We hope to install our machinery in the new building before winter sets in. When we shall have filled our silos and put in mows and stacks the balance for hay and fodder, we shall put our entire force upon work of completing the building and installing the machinery in its new and permanent home. The floor for drying clothing will eliminate a most disagreeable task and exposure connected with laundry work in stormy weather. Our larger girls, upon whom falls the task of hanging out the large washings, will certainly appreciate this feature of the building.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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A woman's organization which we know will do effective work, was organized Sept. 19th at Olney. It takes in the women of the churches in the new Wabash Valley Association. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. W. E. Pool, Olney; Vice-President, Mrs. Daisy Scudamore, Flora; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Hockstra, Fairfield. Responsible women were also secured to look after the interests of the National Societies and World-Wide Guild as follows: Association Home Director, Mrs. Albert Isley, Newton; Association Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Koester Boggs; W. W. G. Representative, Mrs. Belle Roney, Olney.

We regret that material for the October Bulletin must go in before the holding of the state W. W. G. Rally in Chicago, Sept. 28-29, but indications are that it is to be a great meeting, as many representatives from all over the state have signified their intention to be present. Among the topics to be discussed will be the "Essay Contest." Girls with "red blood" like to attempt something which tries their skill and compels them to put forth their best efforts.

There are hundreds of bright girls in Illinois who should enter this contest, which means the writing of an essay of 2,000 words on the subject,

"Christianity and the Women Workers of the World." The essay is to be based on your study of the two Senior Study Books for this year, "Women Workers in the Orient" and "The Path of Labor." You may do as much extra research work as you choose.

A committee of judges will be appointed in each Association, and the best essay of the Association will be selected to compete for the state's best, and that in turn for the District, and that for the National. The essays in the associations must be in the hands of the judges not later than February 15, 1919, in order to pass the winners on through State and District for the National championship.

Who is the Illinois girl that will honor her state by writing the best essay? We have many who can do it; are you the one?

The state has met with a great loss in the passing on of Mrs. H. M. Cox of Normal, on Aug. 28. She was president of the Bloomington Association and for many years has been active in mission work. She was a gifted woman and much might be written of her value in deeds, inspiration, example and consecration. Many loving words of appreciation have come to us and we wish we could give space for them all but we would then feel that half had not been told.

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The young people have sustained a distinct loss in the resignation of our State Director, Rev. W. B. Morris, who was called to, and accepted, the pastorate of the First Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He assumes his new position October 1st. Brother Morris has been State Director for ten years, and knows our State and its many problems thoroughly. He is also known to many hundreds of our young people, and knows them. He has always been sympathetic with their work, and a wise counselor in all their meetings. He understood the genius of "work BY and FOR young people," and readily gained their confidence and esteem. We greatly regret to see him go, and our best wishes go with him. We know that our loss is a gain for Oshkosh.

The great State Convention is almost upon us, and all those who have the work of our State upon their hearts, are looking forward to that meeting. There we gather all the "threads" that have been "sewed" during the past year, and lay plans for the "sewing" during the coming year. Every church ought to make sure that some one is there to represent the young life of their organization. Very important affairs are to be considered at this meeting, that will affect the

work of the young people for years. It is greatly to be desired that all those who are truly interested in our Sunday School and young people's work, DO NOT go home before our session on Thursday, Oct. 17th. We need your counsel. We have a fine program for this session,

Mrs. Hoffman, who has had charge of our Elementary work for the past year, and who has visited a large number of Associations and churches, will have an exhibit at the State meeting. She will be pleased to meet all those interested in that phase of our work. She is a highly trained, experienced worker and very enthusiastic about her work. If you have problems at home, she can help you. Our program for the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. session includes such Baptist celebrities as Dr. Rafferty of Philadelphia, and Rev. C. D. Case, D.D., formerly Chairman of the Young People's Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention, now pastor of the First Church of Oak Park. Chicago Union is preparing for a great "Standard" drive. They have determined to have more Standard, Star, and Striving Unions than ever before. What is YOUR Union striving for? The Standard of Excellence is a simple statement of what YOUR Union ought to be trying to DO.

The Alton Association met with the Cherry Street church in Alton, September 25-26. The Cherry Street church has a meeting house splendidly equipped for an Associational meeting and the church took first class care of the people. The enrollment the first day was something more than one hundred. Missionary Colbert read his report for the year's work. It was good. During his pastoral and missionary work in the Alton Association he has led in the building of three good meeting houses. The churches reported about two hundred baptisms. Most of them are doing good work. Belleville, Wood River and Nokomis, three important fields, are now pastorless. Alton Association covers a very important and needy field. The territory from North Alton to South East St. Louis, a distance of twenty-five miles, is all rapidly becoming a great city. The Baptists have ten white English speaking churches now in that territory. All matters of denominational interest were taken up and discussed at the Association.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

One of the fundamental Baptist principles is a belief in the inspiration and authority of the New Testament scriptures. Our Baptist fathers believed and taught that the New Testament is without error and should be believed and obeyed by the disciples of Christ. There is not much room for serious difference of opinion on fundamental principles among those who believe the teachings of the New Testament and are willing to obey them. Any one who believes this and who can read English fairly well, has no trouble in believing in the virgin birth

of Jesus, in His deity, in His physical resurrection from the grave, in His miracles and in the atonement. No one can doubt the teachings of the New Testament on these points.

If a man who is being examined for ordination, says he is not quite settled in these great doctrines, he confesses one of two things: either that he is grossly ignorant of the teachings of the New Testament, or that he does not believe its teachings. A man who would confess either of these should not be ordained by any council, and yet there are men, some of them preachers and pastors, some of them teachers in Christian schools, men who profess to have a great regard for the scriptures, who do not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, do not believe he was begotten of the Holy Ghost, do not believe in His resurrection, nor His miracles. It seems strange that any one would continue in the ministry who does not believe in the truthfulness of the New Testament.

HIS QUESTION

"I worked for men," my Lord will say,
When we meet at the end of the King's
highway.

"I walked with the beggar along the road;
I kissed the bondsman stung by the goad;
I bore my half of the porter's load.
And what did you," my Lord will say,
"As you traveled along the King's high-
way?"

"I showed men God," my Lord will say,
"As I traveled along the King's highway.
I eased the sister's troubled mind;
I helped the blighted to be resigned;
I showed the sky to the souls grown blind.
And what did you?" my Lord will say,
When we meet at the end of the King's
highway.

—Robert Davis.

BURMA

At the recent Association meeting held in a poor Karen village in Burma the people entertained 1400 visitors in their fifteen little bamboo huts. They were expecting to take care of 2000.

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THE CONVENTION CALLED OFF

The quarantine has not yet been lifted at Kewanee and it is not now known when it will be lifted. The Board of Health says it will not be lifted in southern Illinois for two or three weeks. There is a nervousness in Kewanee and all parts of the state about attempting to hold the convention. So it has been called off entirely for this year.

The executive board will be held in the Baptist Church in Bloomington on Tuesday, November 12th, at 2 o'clock. Some of the important business of the convention can be transacted by the board, and all the *regular* business of

the board. It is very important that every member of the board make an effort to be present.

Bloomington is much more convenient for a board meeting than Kewanee. The president of the convention, the secretary, the superintendent and the pastor at Kewanee consulted together with regard to the calling off of the convention. It did not seem wise to make a second postponement.

The officers of the convention will hold over another year except so far as the board can make appointments and fill vacancies.

THE WAR

It has now been four years and three months since the war began. The last two months have been the most hopeful of the four and one-quarter years. There has been more hope of the war coming to an end and to the right kind of an end, within a reasonable time than at any other period. For two months Commander-in-chief Foch has carried on an aggressive campaign continually along some parts of the three hundred mile line, has given the enemy no rest and has been victorious in every battle. The Allies have captured prisoners by the tens of thousands and

large guns by the hundreds and smaller guns and ammunition and other war matériel in immense quantities. Every indication is that the Germans will be driven out of France and Belgium before Christmas.

Bulgaria has unconditionally surrendered and thus enabled the Allies to completely cut off Turkey from Austria and Germany except by way of the Black Sea. It gives the Allies free access to the border of Austria. At this writing, October 18, there are strong prospects that Turkey will surrender. Palestine and most of Syria

have been captured by the British and the large Turkish army there either captured or dispersed. Germany has made strong efforts for an armistice and a discussion of peace, but President Wilson, to whom they appealed, practically made the condition unconditional surrender. Within the last ten days the papers and magazines have given much space to peace talk, or rather talk against peace until Germany makes a complete surrender.

It seems that there has been much more written and said within the past few weeks about the cruelty and absolute heartlessness of the Germans in this war than at any other time. Even while they were asking the Allies for an armistice and for a commission to discuss peace, they were burning towns and cities in France and Belgium that they could no longer hold and robbing the homes and shipping everything valuable into Germany or destroying it before they left those cities. They were still destroying merchant ships upon which civilians and women and children were traveling, and even bombarded the life boats upon which the people were trying to escape. Religious people, prominent churchmen, have emphasized these cruelties very greatly within recent months. Dr. George E. Horr, President of Newton Theological Seminary, recently said: "We are beginning to recognize what a French statesman said at the outbreak of the war, 'we shall soon realize that this war is not only for France; it is for humanity.'"

Dr. Claiborne M. Hill, President of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, said: "We are going into this war against the German Government because we believe in settling international disputes

by arbitration and Germany does not; because we believe that treaties between nations should be sacredly kept and Germany does not; because we believe in that international law which aims to preserve the freedom of the seas, which would conserve property and especially guard the lives of neutral passengers on the world's maritime highways, and judged by her activities, Germany does not; because America believes in certain rules of warfare, which were stated by Lincoln and later adopted by the civilized world, and judged by her conduct in this war, Germany does not; because America believes in the principles of democracy and Germany believes that the best government for herself and for the world is autocracy."

Rev. Austin K. DeBlois, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston, writes: "Men no longer walk erect, nor women sing, nor children laugh where the German scourge has passed. These are the indictments against the Kaiser and his country. These are the ten commandments which the armies of desolation have rigorously obeyed: 'Thou shalt rob, plunder, pillage, loot without limit and without reason. Thou shalt burn or destroy homes, schools, the temples of religion, whole villages and towns without need and without mercy. Thou shalt murder innocent civilians. Thou shalt violate women and young girls. Thou shalt treat solemn treaties as useless scraps of paper. Thou shalt kill the wounded on the field of battle. Thou shalt, as often as seems wise, use civilians, and especially women, as shields. It is better that they should perish than that brave soldiers of the Fatherland should die.'

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THE meeting of the Convention in Kewanee was postponed from October 14-17 to November 11-14.

LET everybody who planned to attend the Convention in October make a special effort to attend the meeting in Kewanee in November. The Women's meeting will be held in November the same as planned in October and the meetings of the Board will be held the same as if they had been held in October.

THIS has been the most difficult fall for religious work of all kinds in Illinois, and perhaps in the whole country for fifty years. Every phase of public services have been at a standstill for about one month, and at the most important season of the year for religious work.

SO many of our young men having gone from the churches into the army makes it difficult in the Sunday Schools and Young People's Organizations. Many of these young men were loyal church workers.

THE request of the government that gasoline be saved on Sunday for government use, prevented people from going to church in automobiles for six or eight weeks. Many people were kept from church in that way.

THE change of time to one hour earlier than sun time worked a hardship with church and Sunday School and Young People's Services. It took the people a long time to get used to it and some never did.

THE delaying of our Convention and Board meetings for one month, simply set us back in our State Convention work for one month. Our Missionaries and all Convention workers have been doing the best they could without appointment and without authority.

THE great demand for Liberty Loan and for Red Cross work and for the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and many other things caused by the war has made it difficult for many people to feel that they should not only give as much, but much more for religious work because of war conditions.

IT is rather remarkable how the religious people of the country loyally stand by the government and all the calls for help and at the same time are making a strong effort to hold up the Standard of the Cross. We raised a little more for the current expenses of our State Convention last year than ever before. We needed more than in former years, and will need still more next year.

Dean Shailer Mathews informs us that it will not be possible for him to be present at the meeting of our State Convention at Kewanee in time to take part on the program. We regret very much that the Dean cannot be with us but we are glad to announce that Professor G. B. Smith, of the Divinity School, will be at Kewanee and speak in Dean Mathews' place.

DEATH

The Bloomington Pantagraph of October 24th had the following notice: "Rev. E. N. Groce, pastor of the Ashland Baptist Church died Monday of influenza." This is the only notice we have had concerning the death of Brother Groce. He was an Illinois boy and graduated from Shurtleff College and Rochester Theological Seminary. A year ago last summer he was called by both the Lexington and Ashland churches but preferred to locate at Ashland. His pastorate was less than one and one-half years in length. So far as we know his work was satisfactory and his sudden death will be a great loss to the Ashland people

THE STANDARD

We believe the Bulletin is a good little paper that ought to be in every Baptist home in the State. It does go into nearly 5,000 homes. But the Bulletin is published only once a month and is a small paper. Baptists cannot get along with that. Now is the time to take the Standard, a twenty-four and sometimes thirty-two page paper and which is published every week. This paper can be had for \$2.50 per year. Some times one issue is worth the price of the paper for a whole year. We hope that every subscriber of the Bulletin will become a regular reader of the Standard.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR OCTOBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Assumption Church	\$ 27.00
*Ashland Church	35.00
*Aledo Church	6.00

Arcola S. S.	8.10
*Auburn Church	31.00
*Ava Church	10.00
*Austin, First Church	178.00
Alton, First Church	18.75
Arthur Church	32.92
Arcola Church	6.75
Aurora, Marion Ave., Church.....	14.70
Berwick Church	13.50
Bradford Church	4.50
Big Rock Church	5.71
*Bethel Church	29.00
Berwyn, First Church	100.00
*Bushnell Church	13.00
Blandinsville Church	32.00
*Belleville Church	3.00
*Bloomington Church	5.00
*Benville Church	1.57
*Benton Church	75.00
*Berwick Church	9.00
*Barry Church	40.00
Bois D'Arc Church	9.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	107.45
Chicago, Second Church	67.25
Chicago, First Church	12.85
Chicago, Morgan Park Church....	36.52
Chicago, Messiah Church	20.00
Chicago, Grace Church	1.95
Chicago, Maplewood Church	17.75
Chicago, Normal Park Church....	50.00
Chicago, South Chicago S. S.	3.06
Chicago, Marquette Road Church ..	12.00
Chicago, La Salle Ave. Church....	26.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	61.52
Chicago, Bethany Church	25.00
Chicago, Rogers Park, Church....	15.00
*Chillicothe Church	8.00
*Cornell Church	21.00
*Carrollton Church	55.00
Carbondale Church	50.00
*Chatham Church	10.00
Cambria Church	10.00
*Chrisman Church	6.13
*Clarks' Chapel Church	6.33
Collinsville Church	12.00
*Chatsworth Church	25.00
*Cairo Church	61.00
Collected on Mission Fields.....	109.28
*Custer Park Church	5.00
*Danvers Church	16.00
*Decatur, First Church	178.00
*Deer Park Church	17.00
*Divernon Church	25.00
*Damascus Church	7.50
Downer's Grove Church	6.52
*Edinburg Church	14.50
*Enon Church	3.00
*Elgin, First Church	52.50
Elgin, Immanuel Church	6.30
Flora Church	12.00
Fairmount Church	17.00
*Fairfield Church	14.30
Freeport Church	58.00
Forest City S. S.	2.58
*Galva Church	53.00
*Gilman Church	8.00
*Galesburg Church	127.00
*Glasford Church	10.00

*Hutsonville, First Church.....	12.00	*Tampico Church	12.00
*Hillsboro Church	10.00	Thomas Church, S. E. F., F. M. Dunk	46.26
Havana Church	3.12	*Towanda Church	10.00
*Hudson Church	45.00	Tiskilwa Sunday School	4.00
Hudelson Sunday School	6.18	*Urbana, Cunningham Ave. Ch....	6.09
Home Mission Society	171.02	*Utica Church	40.00
Immanuel Church	10.00	*Union Church	60.00
Immanuel Church, S.E.F., F. M. Dunk	26.82	Urbana, First Church	4.77
Joliet, Eastern Ave. Church.....	70.76	University Church Fund.....	2,020.00
Jerseyville Church	6.77	*Virden Church	12.00
Kankakee Church	50.00	West Frankfort Church	5.00
Lincoln Church	8.94	*Walnut Church	14.00
Laomi Church	5.00	*Waukegan Church	70.00
*Lexington Church	1.68	*Wheaton Church	8.85
*Lena Church	6.40	*Woodstock Church	3.42
*Littleton Church	15.00	*Warrenville Church	1.00
*Latham Church	31.00	*Watertown Church	10.00
Literberry Church	10.00	*Willisville Church	13.00
Monmouth Church	16.90	*Winchester Church	36.00
*Marengo Church	19.00	*York Church	2.75
*Mattoon Church	29.00		
Mason City Church	25.00	Total	\$6,064.92
*Mendota Church	41.00		
*Morris Church	35.00		
*Mahomet Church	38.00		
Missionary Committee of the Quincy Association	35.67		
Normal Church	22.11		
New Berlin Sunday School.....	10.00		
New Era Church	5.00		
*Ocova Church	41.50		
Old People's Home	12.00		
Petersburg Church	3.00		
Plano Church	2.70		
Plainfield Church	41.50		
*Par's Church	36.00		
Pleasant Plains Church	10.00		
Pleasant View Church	3.50		
Perry Church .....	.75		
Petersburg Sunday School.....	2.00		
Plymouth Church, Mrs. D. M. Parks, Life Membership.....	5.00		
*Providence Church	5.00		
Palermo Church	3.00		
Pierson Church	5.00		
Quincy Church, Emilie and Ger- trude Pease, S. E. F.....	5.00		
*Roseville Church	83.50		
*Rozetta Church	58.00		
*Rock Island, Edgewood Church	10.80		
*Rockton Church	5.00		
*Rantoul Church	21.00		
Rent, Andalusia Farm	37.50		
*S'ilvis Church	10.00		
*Sc'ota Church	5.50		
Shelbyville Church	35.00		
*Side'l Church	23.00		
*Stonington, Old Church	15.38		
*Springfield, South 7th St.	35.00		
Springfield, Central Church	180.56		
Shurtleff College	8.00		
Springfield, Elliott Ave. Church..	14.50		
Springfield, Elliott Ave. Church, W. G. Fagan	2.50		
Sales of Annuals and Associa- tional letter blanks.....	12.66		
*Sparland Church	5.35		
Troy Church	2.17		
*Tiskilwa Church	6.25		

Many of our Baptist pastors are still trying to get appointments as chaplains or into Y. M. C. A. work. The Baptists of Illinois have furnished a large number of men for this work and we honor these men for going. Others applied but were refused for various causes. We honor all these men for so noble and patriotic a desire, but if they do not get in with government service they should remember that there are many, very many needy fields at home where they can do good work for Christ and humanity.

“Be still, and know He doeth all things well,
Working the purpose of His holy will;
And if His high designs He do not tell
Till He accomplish them—do thou be still.

Why should'st thou strive, and fret,
and fear, and doubt.

As if His way, being dark, must bode
thee ill?

If thine own way be clearly pointed out,
Leave Him to clear up His, and be
thou still.”

The prevalence of the Spanish Influenza throughout the United States has been a terrible calamity this fall. It was reported before the 20th of October, that more than 12,000 of our soldier boys in the encampments of this country had died with the disease. That is perhaps more than twice as many as have been killed in battle in France. A soldier captain working in Philadelphia wrote about the 15th of October that there were six hundred deaths in that city the day before. Throughout almost all of Illinois the churches and Sunday Schools have been closed for two weeks at this writing and the same thing is true with nearly all the schools. This is the time of year when most is expected of churches and schools. While there have been a good many deaths among the citizens of Illinois, yet the number does not seem to be so great as in some of the eastern states. This break-up of our church work and Sunday School work and evangelistic efforts in October will greatly hinder the work for the whole winter. Yet this is something over which we could not have control other than was done, and all Christian people should make the stronger effort to gather up the work and push it ahead when the time comes that regular work can be done.

PERSONALS

Rev. Geo. H. Yule, 3316 Palmer St., Chicago, has been doing some work with the Anti-Saloon League. He will be free this winter to do Evangelistic work and those who desire his assistance may correspond with him.

Rev. P. H. Scise, formerly of Lena, Illinois, is now attending the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Texas.

He was ordained and has been preaching for several years in Alabama.

A personal letter from John Howard of Contai, Bengal, India, expresses a strong desire on the part of himself and wife to return with their two sons to America for a period of change and rest. They have been in India a sufficient length of time to be entitled to a year in America and they greatly need it, but he expresses himself as being very reluctant to leave the field without some one to take charge while he is gone, and there do not yet seem to be any recruits in sight for that field. He says, "In one sense, of course, I want to see dear old U. S. A. and yourself included, but to put out the only light of the Gospel among 600,000 is something which goes dreadfully against the grain."

DIFFICULTIES AND SUCCESS

The prevalence of influenza preventing the holding of the Annual Meeting of the State Convention will make it very hard to keep up convention work this year. But everybody has done what seemed to be best, and if all the constituency of the convention will make a strong effort to carry on the Lord's work in the state this year, we may hope for a successful year, notwithstanding the poor start we are having at the beginning of the year.

CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT WEEK

In the October issue we called attention to this notable work among Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention. In that issue we printed the card that Baptist church members will be requested to sign. The great conference held at Highland Park, Illinois, in September devoted fully half its

time to the subject of Christian Enlistment Week, November 17-24. It is under the auspices of the Laymen of the Northern Baptist Convention. A committee has been appointed in each state and a director employed who can give practically all his time to this work for a few months. A director and committee will be or has been secured for each local association, and the pastor and clerk of each church will be posted upon the subject.

During that week an effort will be made to reach each member, and each person in sympathy with every church in the Northern Baptist Convention. It is planned that committees in each church will be appointed to go out two together, and visit every member and every friend of the church. In many churches, perhaps in most of the churches, meetings will be held each night of that week with special prayer and conference for the success of the canvass. Any desiring information upon the Christian Enlistment week should write to Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., 125 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago. He has been secured as our Director for Illinois. We hope that all the pastors and many laymen and women will get interested in this movement soon and post themselves with regard to it. Its purpose is to awaken a spiritual interest among all the members of all our churches. Perhaps two-thirds of our Baptist membership are in a large measure latent, at least not intensely active. It is hoped that tens of thousands of our members who are not active can be brought into a living touch with our great denominational activities.

CONSERVATION SUNDAY POSTPONED

The United States Food Administrator announces that because of the prevalence of the influenza throughout the state it has been decided to postpone Conservation Sunday from October 27th, as heretofore announced, to December 1st. The distribution of the cards will be made during the week of December 2nd to December 7th instead of during the week October 28th to November 2nd.

CHURCHES

The Central church in Quincy of which Rev. R. V. Meigs became pastor September 1st raised its entire apportionment for the State Convention before the first of October. The church has now consolidated its two Sunday Schools. The pastor writes, "October 6th we held the consolidation day service for our two Sunday Schools, bringing the Fourth and Jersey Street Sunday Schools in a body with American flags in the hands of each of the 140 and two large flags leading the procession and the Vermont Street Sunday School greeted us with a 'Marching to Zion' and Chautauqua Salute, while the Fourth and Jersey Street Schools waved back the flags. It was a very happy and harmonious service, 464 in attendance, offering \$14.69. Two united with the church at the close."

Rev. W. H. Dickman, pastor of the Bethel church in the Rock Island Association seems to be doing aggressive and successful work. The church has made up its full apportionment for all missionary work. He recently baptized four converts into the fellowship of the church. Three years ago the church remodeled its property and put in a good basement. This basement now seems to be the center of activity

for that whole community. It is the center for Red Cross, Liberty Loan, and War Savings Stamps business. The pastor gives stereopticon lectures quite frequently on war subjects and other things. A lecture course was conducted last year which was ended by a great address by President Potter of Shurtleff College. A large amount of money has been raised in that community for Liberty Bonds and Red Cross.

The Sciota church in the Salem Association was in a very low condition for quite a number of years. Our Missionary, Rev. H. F. Jones, supplied them once a month for two years and then they secured the services of Rev. E. H. Turner for half time. A member of the church writes, "Two weeks ago we received two in full membership into the church and received two for baptism and will have another baptizing next Sunday night, October 6th. We are expecting another family to move to town this week who will join with us. We had a splendid service yesterday and five new scholars were added to the Sunday School.

Rev. J. W. Harnly, pastor of the Momence church is working hard to develop that church and bring it up along the lines of beneficence. A strong effort has been made to bring the church up on an every member canvass. They have planned to raise \$2,000 for Current Expenses and \$273 for Missions. The church seems to be moving along in the right direction.

The Virden church of which Rev. H. C. Belton is pastor, seems to be doing good work. One of the members writes, "Our church is doing fine, church budget is raised and we also raised our pastor's salary \$100

The Divernon church of which Rev. H. C. Leland is pastor, has increased the pastor's salary \$250.

Rev. H. L. Mounce is pastor of the Bushnell and one of the Free Baptist churches in that section. He reports the work as moving along nicely until the epidemic closed them up.

STATE CONVENTION WORKERS

"The meetings held by Brother Dunk a little while ago at Immanuel church resulted in great good to the church but there were no additions. We were rained out the first few days of the meeting but after that the meetings got interesting and the last night was full of interest and I think if the meetings could have continued for another week great good would have been accomplished. There was deep feeling and three expressed a desire to be Christians."—A. N. Sharps.

Rev. H. L. Duff, our missionary pastor at Chicago Heights, recently reported twenty-two additions to the church, fourteen by baptism and several others are expected to be received soon. This church has organized a branch mission in a destitute part of the city and is carrying it on successfully. Brother Duff is beginning his sixth year as pastor of the Chicago Heights field and the church recently increased his salary \$200.

Rev. C. B. Hilton, pastor of the Delavan church, writes concerning the meeting held by Evangelist Church. He says, "I wish to express my appreciation of the work he has done for us. On Friday I baptized eight candidates and on Sunday evening five more. One was received by experience, making a total of fourteen to date. I am expected to baptize again next Sunday

and there will probably be a few received by letter soon. I think the direct results of the meeting will be at least twenty additions to the church. On Friday we took pledges for Brother Church which amounted to \$100."

The Whites Grove church of which Rev. W. E. Andereck of Bradford, has been pastor for one-half time is reported in good condition although they have had no additions to the church. The pastor writes, "They have decorated the auditorium of their church at a cost of \$210 and have raised that sum and \$46.32 in addition. During the past year they have raised for all purposes about \$825.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. G. W. Chessman, about two months ago closed his work at Ottawa, Illinois, and accepted a church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at a large increase in salary over what he was receiving in Ottawa, but after closing his work in Ottawa he felt that he was not doing right in leaving that church, and so declined to accept the field in Pittsburgh and returned to his pastorate in Ottawa. We are very glad to have Brother Chessman continue with us in Illinois. He has done a good work since he became pastor of the Ottawa church. One of the members of the Ottawa church writes, "Mr. Chessman is doubtless the most popular and personally the best liked pastor by both the church and community that the Ottawa Baptist church has had in many years. He is cordial, sympathetic and an especially good mixer with all classes of men."

The Elvaston church in the Peoria Association is reported to have secured

the services of Rev. A. C. Crouch of LaGrange, Missouri, to become pastor for half time. Elvaston is a good field and we hope that they will have good success this coming winter.

Rev. J. G. Little of Havana, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Galva church. Brother Thomas, the Galva pastor, died a few months ago. Brother Little will doubtless make a successful pastor for that field.

Rev. J. W. Patterson has closed up his work at Morrisonville after having been there about one year and located as pastor in Nokomis. Brother Patterson was very much liked on the field at Morrisonville but on account of the high cost of living the church was not able to retain him. The prospects are fine for a good pastorate at Nokomis.

The Freeport church has located Rev. Frank G. Sayers, pastor of the Grace church, Chicago. He began his pastorate, October 13th. This is an important church and a great center of population.

Rev. W. E. Poole of Olney, Illinois, has been appointed by the Government as a chaplain and reported at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, October 4th. The church gave him a leave of absence for five weeks and at that time he will decide whether he will permanently enter the army service or not.

The Oglesby church has called Rev. A. G. Prestege of Monterey, Kentucky, to become its pastor beginning November 15th. This is one of our newer churches but is very active. Our missionary pastor, Rev. J. M. Wilson, closed his work there only a few weeks ago and the church almost immediately called for another man who comes well recommended from Kentucky.

One of the encouraging features of the war is that Palestine will be freed from the tyranny of the Turks. The British war office reports that "from the start of this offensive on September 18th General Allenby has taken 71,000 men and 350 guns, and King Hussein's Arabs report 8,000 additional prisoners. The cavalry is clearing the country north of Damascus."

"Paris reports that from September 10-30 the Allied Armies in France and Belgium captured 2,844 officers and 120,192 men and more than 6,000 machine guns. From July 15 to September 30, the Allies have captured 5,518 officers, 248,949 men, 3,069 cannon, over 23,000 machine guns, and hundreds of mine throwers."

"More than 2,000 Mission Stations in Africa and India alone have been abandoned on account of the war, leaving 700,000 native Christians shepherdless."

The Hudson Orphanage Sunday School at Irvington observed State Convention day on the 22nd of September and sent in a collection of \$18.16 for the State Convention. Good for Hudson Orphanage!

Aiken Institute is carried on in the old building of the Second Baptist Church in Chicago. Dr. Wm. M. Lawrence was pastor of that great church for twenty-five years. In the later years of his pastorate the foreigners seemed to be crowding that church out and it looked as though the field would have to be abandoned by the Baptists. The church did remove from that section, but held on to the splendid property. Now a greater Baptist work is being carried on there than ever before.

Aiken Institute: carried on by our Baptist Mission work, reports in the Sunday School six hundred fifty-three Catholics, one hundred twenty-two Protestants, forty-three Jewish children and ninety-five of no religious preference. Of these six hundred eleven are Italian, one hundred forty-six American, forty-three Jewish, thirty-one Irish, eleven French, eleven Greek, nine negro, nine Polish and others among many nationalities. The State Convention has part in this great missionary work.

GOING TO THE WAR

Rev. Francis L. Church, our very successful and efficient evangelist, has just sent in his resignation to take effect September 15th, in order that he may accept an appointment in the Y. M. C. A. work in France. We are glad to have our missionaries and pastors do any work that is required of them for the army service but it is very much against our work to have so many of them go. Brother Church has increased in his popularity as an evangelist and was engaged in meetings from the first of September until Christmas. We hope however, if he goes that his life will be spared and when he comes back the way may be opened for him to work in the State Convention.

The following is a quotation from President Wilson's scathing denunciation of the mob spirit. Perhaps no man in the world today has a greater influence over humanity when he speaks than President Wilson. Let these words be carefully read:

"There have been many lynchings, and every one of them has been a blow

at the heart of ordered law and humane justice. No man who loves America, no man who really cares for her fame and honor and character or who is truly loyal to her institutions, can justify mob action while the courts of justice are open and the governments of the states and the Nation are ready and able to do their duty. We are at this very moment fighting lawless passion. Germany has outlawed herself among the nations because she has disregarded the sacred obligations of law and has made lynchers of her armies. Lynchers emulate her disgraceful example. I, for my part, am eager to see every community in America rise above that level, with pride and a fixed resolution which no man or set of men can afford to despise. How shall we recommend democracy to the acceptance of other peoples if we disgrace our own by proving that it is, after all, no protection to the weak?"

A captain called on one of the pastors in Washington and said to him, "I want to join your church. I have been so impressed by the way the Christians here are caring for the souls of the soldiers, that I want to enlist in this service as well as in that of the country." There are many others who have been led in this same practical way to recognize what the church means and to accept its Master as theirs.

EVANGELISM IN A POWDER PLANT

Realizing the exceptional opportunity for evangelical work at the big camp Nitro, West Virginia, where an immense powder plant to cost approximately \$95,000,000 is being built, the chapel car Hera'd of Hope, in charge of Rev. W. F. Newton, of Charleston, West Virginia, was sent to do work in that vicinity. Mr. Newton reported that 35,000 men are to be employed at the big powder plant. He has been preaching at Dunbar, near the camp, every Sunday night; has organized a Sunday School, and plans for a church at this place.

TWO IDEALS

"Why is the world at war and why is Germany the enemy, as the President puts it, of four-fifths of the world? Is it because the rulers of Germany, in order to promote their own selfish and foolish ambition, have trampled upon the rights of their own people and the rights of men everywhere?"

"It is paganism coming back; it is the brutal spirit of ancient Rome resuscitated. All the slow processes and achievements of civilization seem to have gone for naught because an unscrupulous emperor wants more power and because an aristocratic military caste want more of the favors which fall from a throne.

"What a rehabilitation of the old Roman barbaric spirit we are witnessing—and what a supreme need of the Gospel, which Rome scorned as Germany scorns it today! Only a few weeks ago, Adam Roder, the eminent German publicist, said: 'The Pan-German view of the world is consciously aimed at the rooting out of the Christian religion and the system of ethics derived from it. . . . Christianity will be done away with according to the ideas of Nietzsche, as the great weakening and enervating influence.'

"RAPID PROGRESS

The colored farmers in Virginia are beginning to see daylight in their upward struggle from poverty and ignorance. John B. Pierce, District Negro Agent in charge of negro farm demonstration work, reports that in a single year over 4,400 colored farmers, with whom the Virginia county agents conduct demonstration work, raised practically all their home supplies; 969 opened new bank accounts, and 1,233 increased their bank deposits."

"W. G. Young, a colored man of Greensville County is one of the progressive farmers with whom demonstration work has been conducted. He owns 654 acres of land and has large barns and granaries sufficient to shelter all his live stock and feed, machinery and farm tools. His improved machinery includes a tractor engine, gang plow and disc, mowing machine, stalk cutter, manure spreader, corn, cotton and peanut planters, fertilizer drill, corn shredder and husker, and cotton gin. His success as a farmer is a great incentive to others."

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Everything moves on as usual at the Home; our family of seventy-one children are well and happy. The influenza has not visited us so far though it is in the town of Maywood, and the Board of Health has closed the schools and churches. The annual meeting, reception and bazaar that was to have been held at the Home the 22nd of October, has been postponed indefinitely owing to the prevalency of the influenza.

September the 30th closed another year in the history of the institution. The past year has been one of the busiest and among the most successful years. One hundred forty-one children have been cared for during the year and ten children have been placed out in private families. Of the sixty or more children formally placed in private families five have been legally adopted.

Owing to our garden returns during the last three months, we were enabled to close the year without a debt. Otherwise the response has been so poor from churches and individuals that our large family would have suffered. Now that the garden stuffs have been largely used up we need an immediate response from our friends by way of donations of vegetables, especially potatoes, canned fruit, and cash. There is a large number of our sustaining and life membership pledges that are overdue; we trust that our friends are planning to pay the same in the near future. Midst the many calls let us not forget to "Hold the Home Lines."

Until the present epidemic of influenza, this institution seems to have been specially safeguarded. Without any warning and with no explanation of the source of its communication, it dropped down upon the institution and as we prepare these notes on the second day of its advent among us, there are in bed nine of our number, including Mr. and Mrs. Olson and their son, Clair. Thus far only the older girls have been attacked. We are facing the serious problem of securing sufficient help to properly care for the sick ones. We are hopeful that some of us may escape and so be able to look after the afflicted ones.

Our silos have been filled and most of the garden crops have been harvested. By the end of the first week in November we hope to have everything gathered and stored for winter use. Our chief lack is corn with which to prepare our fifty head of hogs and pigs for meat and the market.

We shall need to put on a special drive for the balance of the \$5,000 improvement fund. Unless it can be secured we shall be greatly embarrassed in our finances. The machinery and industrial building is nearing completion, and our material man must have his money. He has shown his faith in our proposition by supplying us with material and we must make good.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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TAKE NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois, will be held in Kewanee, November 12, having been postponed from Oct. 15 on account of the epidemic of influenza prevalent throughout the country.

Each session will be one of information and inspiration. Every Baptist woman in Illinois is a part of the organization and can help by her presence to make it a memorable meeting.

Will not every woman who reads this use her utmost endeavor to come and bring some other woman with her? We need you on Nov. 12 at 9:15 a. m. in the First Congregational church, Kewanee.

Now is the time to arrange for study classes using "The Women Workers in the Orient" and "The Path of Labor" as the text books. Many books and helps for these classes may be purchased at small expense from the National Societies. We know of one church which has a class meeting in the evening at the homes of different members once a week for six weeks on each book, with an intermission of several weeks between the books. After an hour given to the subject light refreshments and social hour follow. Every member of the church and congregation is invited to these classes which have been a great success.

STATE WORLD WIDE GUILD RALLY

How I wish every Baptist mother in Illinois could have attended the World Wide Guild Rally held in Chicago in September! How our hearts rejoiced as we looked in the bright faces of the more than two hundred girls.

Every session was full to overflowing with interest, inspiration and suggestions for enlarged activities. Miss Alma Noble, National Executive Secretary, said that in no state was there such absolute unity of mission presentation, such absolute co-operation of all forces as in Illinois.

Illinois Baptist mothers join with her in congratulations to Miss Brimson and Miss Topping, and want our fine young woman state leaders to know of our love and appreciation.

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

We take from "Missions," the following:

What's in a Name?

There happens to be a good deal of meaning in the name I am going to tell you about. It is the "Lumanoca" Chapter at Momence, Illinois, and this is what that odd name signifies. It is a combination of the first two letters of the names of the four missions supported by the W. W. G. Chapters of Illinois; "Lu" from Luella Adams, "Ma" from Marian Paden, "No" from Nona Finney, "Ca" from Caroline Bissinger. Each letter represents a word in their chapter motto which is, "Let us make all nations our consideration always."

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What is the IDEAL for a local B. Y. P. U.? If you had to tell what you thought your B. Y. P. U. should be doing, what would you say? Read over the points in the Standard of Excellence carefully, and see if that does not cover about all the things that you would say. The Standard is not something that the National, or State Union, is trying to force upon local Unions. It is a simple statement of the things that local Unions ought to be doing. It may require a very strenuous effort for you to attain it, and you may not be able to do so, but the effort to do so will strengthen you, and all good things require some effort.

Chicago Union is beginning a great campaign for Standard Unions. President Phelps has his forces well organized, and working in unity. They are working for an "esprit de corps," and, if determination counts for anything, they are going to succeed. Due to the postponement of our State Convention, the state work will be much delayed, local unions, however, should begin now to plan their work to include the Standard, as their ideal, for the year. The effort will bring new life and interest in their work, and older people will credit them with the effort, even though they do not attain all the points.

They will also receive honorable mention for their effort.

Bloomfield Association is planning a great meeting for December, at Urbana, which will include conferences on S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work. This is a great move, and could be followed, profitably, by every association in the state. New members are coming into our churches and they are not, in many cases, familiar with the various forms of service in church, S. S. or B. Y. P. U. They need instruction. These conferences should be so arranged that the delegates would be qualified to go back to their local churches and develop leaders for all phases of the work.

The "drive" for Teacher Training classes should attract many members of the B. Y. P. U. There is no more helpful form of service in a church than as teachers in the church and school. They ought to be trained for it, however, if they are to obtain the best results. Join a "Class," or, if you are unable to have one in your church, join a "correspondence" class. "Christian Enlistment Week" is coming and our young people should be the foremost ones in "enlisting." If we "served for Christ, as our 'boys' fight the Hun," what would result? Jno. Ruthven.

THE PRE-INVENTORY

We are seeing more and more plainly in Illinois and throughout the Northern Baptist Convention the need of the Pre-Inventory which the great Laymen's Movement proposes. The present apportionment which is about 25 per cent increase on that of last year was the result of the unanimous agreement of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Apportionment Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention and of a conference of all the State Secretaries called together by the Apportionment Committee before its adoption. It was felt on all hands that war conditions and extraordinary need demanded this large increase, which, moreover, was only what the Five Year Program called for. The State Apportionment Committee accepted and sent out this present apportionment with greater unanimity than almost any previous one and these amounts were distributed in June to the individual churches in Illinois. But all this was like the passing of an important act of Congress and omitting the "enabling act," for all of these unanimous agreements by National and State organizations depend for their efficacy upon the action of the individual churches. Unfortunately there has been thus far no concerted action upon the part of the churches to provide for the carrying out of these large and essential plans. The most of them are apparently still dependent upon the weekly envelope offering made on the basis of some subscription taken weeks or months before the enlarged apportionment was adopted by that church. Moreover our own Million Dollar Laymen's Drive and the great War Fund Campaign has not only prevented an increase, but has ac-

tually resulted in decreased offerings in the country compared with last year. In Illinois the first six months from April to October show offerings of about \$30,000.00 to all objects and while the Joint Collection Agency of our Board of Beneficence is working smoothly the individual churches have not largely increased their giving over last year. Of course our great denomination will meet its need in some way, but if it be postponed too late this year it will demoralize seriously our financial plans. What is needed and what the Laymen's Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention calls for is a Pre-Inventory or survey of the situation in each local church taken at the earliest possible moment. Then the responsible members of the church should take such action and secure such increased subscriptions as will practically insure the raising of our apportionment by March 31st. Where this seems impossible the Laymen's Committee is ready to assist.

Augustine S. Carman,
Secretary.

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

"Answering this question in the *Delineator*, Dr. Charles A. Eaton gives the following vigorous, red-blooded definition. It might be well to use it as a measuring rod by which to determine how near we come individually to being the 'real thing' in Americanism:

An American is a man whose soul responds to the soul of his Nation; who is proud to fight for his Nation; who is glad to sacrifice his time, his strength, his money, that his Nation may be free; who, while his brothers are fighting for him in France, will fight for them here, in the second line of defense—by the practice of economy; by the gift of time; by denunciation of treason; by sacrificial loyalty to the Government; by daily and hourly sweating in the shipyards, on the farm, in the factories—until our whole Nation shall gather itself, with the other free nations of the earth, into one supreme shattering blow, beneath which Kaiserism, hell-born and hell-nourished, shall be crushed, never to rise again."

BAPTIST OLD PEOPLES HOME

4th St. and 4th Ave., Maywood, Illinois.

Members of the Home who have been away on short vacations are returning—glad to get home before winter. Though many suffer from ailments incident to age, only three now require the special attention of a nurse. These are Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Bryant.

Our Home is full to the limit and worthy applicants waiting for admission. May the Good Father provide for them otherwise till such time as we can enlarge our building.

With the necessities of life soaring in price—our bills for the past six months being \$1,000, more than for the corresponding six months last year, we earnestly urge our churches to respond quickly and generously to this cause, especially since our Home became formally affiliated with our State Convention at the last semi-annual meeting of the Convention Board and was placed on the budget by that body. Please send in at least a part of your contribution early in the year. Donations of fresh and canned fruits and vegetables will be particularly needed this year and should be sent *now*, before freezing weather. Literature and suggestions for helping, or a Representative, will be sent to any church to inform and interest the people, upon request. We believe they will then gladly contribute.

Be patriotic and remember President Wilson tells us to "Not neglect our Home Charities"—and our Gov. Lowden says—"It is a time for sacrifice but not a sacrifice of the aged and helpless."

MRS. A. W. RUNYAN.

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Board Meeting

After the meeting of the Convention was called off for this year the Executive Board of the Convention met in Bloomington, Nov. 12th. There were about twenty-five members present. They began promptly at two o'clock and worked until six o'clock and transacted some business during the dinner hour and then reconvened and continued until twelve o'clock at night. The Board carefully took up the business that came before it and transacted much of the business of the Convention. All the old officers of the Convention, and members of the Board were asked to continue another year. Vacancies were filled. Reports of departments were read and discussed, and in some cases with changes, were ordered printed in the Annual. The Superintendent had the work of printing the Annual already partly done and he, instead of the Secretary, will publish it this year, as formerly.

Superintendent E. P. Brand had completed twenty years of work and the Board unanimously re-elected him for another term of three years. If he serves out these three years it will make twenty-three years of service without a dissenting vote at any time in his election to the position. The Superintendent had the work laid out for another year so far as it seemed possible now, and the Board

carried out his suggestions almost entirely. Much discussion was had with regard to the work and then it was proposed that all kneel down and pray for Divine guidance. It was a very earnest prayer meeting.

There has never been so hard a time to do State work as last year and this. The cold weather last winter and shortage of fuel cut out almost all our Evangelistic work for three months, and the influenza this fall has made it almost impossible for our evangelists and missionaries to do anything. We hope that by the time of the semi-annual meeting the affairs of the War may be closed and the influenza so completely passed that we may be able to plan more definitely for the future.

The report of the Board which will be published in the Annual, shows that the Convention supported in full or in part sixty-nine workers. These men, added to the churches during the year 1465 members. The amount of money received for current work was \$25,943.12. The amount received for all purposes, including Permanent Funds and University church was \$33,873.47. The Board was able to pay all bills and indebtedness with a balance of \$1,251.98 with which to begin work another year.

THE CHICAGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

One of the most interesting Baptist fields in the world is the territory of the Chicago Association. This territory reaches much outside the City, from Wisconsin on the northeast border, taking in Elgin and Batavia on the west, and including Kankakee and St. Anne on the south. In this territory there are more than 3,000,000 people. Forty States could be named that do not have as great a population as there is in the territory of the Chicago Baptist Association. In this territory there are many foreign nationalities. Some of these are of great numbers. In the territory of the Association there are more than 500,000 Slavs. The Superintendent of Baptist Mission work in Chicago says, "There are 1,250,000 people living in one section of Chicago who are dependent on outside help if Protestant work shall be carried on among them."

In this territory there are 150 Baptist churches with 45,000 members. 15,000 of these are members of Negro Baptist churches. In this territory there are thirty foreign speaking Baptist churches. There are more Poles in the territory of the Chicago Association than there are people in the City of Minneapolis and "Baptists have the most comprehensive and far reaching plans of work among the Poles of any Protestant denomination in Chicago," and yet we have less than one hundred members among that great mass of people. The Executive Council helps to support three workers among them. The mission work being done by the Baptist Executive Council is as follows: "The Council has eleven appointees working in English speaking churches, ten in foreign speaking, one General Superintendent, one Director of Religious Education and one Secretary to

the Superintendent, a total of twenty-four." The Illinois Baptist State Convention aids in the support of all these missionaries in Chicago.

The Executive Council is now planning to raise, besides the regular contributions, \$100,000 in the Chicago Association, or \$20,000 per year for five years. About seventy-five men took luncheon together on Tuesday, November 26th, and discussed the subject of raising \$20,000 this year. With but very little effort, nearly half of it was pledged at that time. Last year the Baptists spent in mission work in Chicago \$26,960.67. The coming year they hope to have more than \$46,000 with which to do mission work in that great city and the territory of that Association.

MY WAY, OR HIS?

"The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day,
To speak a word of cheer
To a heart that was weary, and worn, and
sad
And bowed with the weight of fear.
He asked me for mine,
But 'twas busy quite
With my own affairs,
From morn till night.

"The Lord Christ wanted two hands one
day,
To do a loving deed.
He wanted two feet on an errand for Him
To run with loving speed.
But I had need of my own that day,
And to his pleadings I answered, Nay!

"And all that day I used,
My tongue, my hands, my feet as I chose,
I spoke some hasty, bitter words
That hurt one heart, God knows.
I busied my hands with idle play,
And my willful feet went a crooked way.

"And the dear Lord Christ—was His work
undone
For lack of a willing heart?
I do not know. But I wish today,
I had let the dear Lord have His way."

"Most Swiss papers say that the kaiser was overthrown by the German people only because he failed to conquer, and not at all because of his barbarities."

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NOW is the time for everybody to work to increase the circulation of the Bulletin. No church can afford to be without a club of at least twenty.

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THE circulation of the Bulletin keeps up well, but we ought to double its number in the churches. Fifteen cents per copy when twenty names are sent at one time, each paper mailed to the party taking it. No one is required to distribute the paper.

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ALREADY the soldier boys are coming back. Most of them will not get home before spring, but we hope our churches will give them a hearty welcome as they come. Many of the boys who went were good workers in the churches.

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IT has been about 140 years since our Government was established. The only time in that history that a President has left the country was when President Taft stepped across the line into Mexico for an hour or two. But now President Wilson has sailed for Europe to be gone for six weeks at least.

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THERE seemed to be some special reasons why President Wilson should attend the Peace Conference. All of the

Allies and the defeated Central Empires accepted his fourteen conditions of peace which he gave to congress last summer. In order that they might not be misinterpreted, it seemed necessary that he should meet with the leading statesmen of Europe. He will not remain through the Peace Conference but will be there at the beginning.

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THE world has never needed such statesmanship as is needed now. Almost the whole of Europe and much of Asia and Africa will have to be reorganized. There is an opportunity for reorganization that will bring the greatest happiness and prosperity to the world it has ever known and there is danger of the most serious breaking up of social government and the prevalence of anarchy the world has ever experienced. Let us pray to God that great wisdom and true statesmanship may prevail at the Peace Conference.

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GEORGE Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson have each as President, led the country through a great and trying period of warfare. If President Wilson makes no serious mistake until peace is declared and the country gets back to a peace condition, he will rank as one of the three greatest presidents. Wilson has made some serious mistakes, but his administration as a whole, during the war period, has been a great success. His address before congress just prior to his sailing for Europe was a remarkable state paper. In fact all his papers on the war have been state papers of the highest character, and will rank with the best state papers of our greatest presidents.

SUPPRESSION OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Prohibitionists are jubilant over the recent elections and observe that the country is getting drier all the time. The greatest victory this fall was in Ohio, with its great cities of Cincinnati and Cleveland. It carried prohibition by a good majority. An article in the Literary Digest of November 23rd reads as follows:

The new States on the prohibition list, make the total thirty-two, we are reminded by the Providence Journal, which adds:

"They are Maine, New Hampshire, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, Texas, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Oregon. In other words, only sixteen of the 48 States of the Union have failed to outlaw the saloon. At the beginning of the war there were only nine States on the 'dry' roll. The change in four years is little short of marvelous.

"These figures, however, do not fully represent the present situation. Most of the non-prohibition States have, under local option laws, banished the liquor business from large areas. Thus Minnesota, which declined to adopt State-wide prohibition, is, nevertheless, in a geographical sense, almost wholly dry, while in Connecticut more than one hundred of the one hundred and sixty-eight cities and towns are under a no-license regime."

Illinois is a state that cannot carry Prohibition and yet with the exception of Chicago and some surrounding towns like Aurora and Joliet, and the Valley of the Illinois River of which Peoria and Pekin are the center, and East St. Louis and its surrounding towns, such as Alton, Edwardsville, Granite City, Collinsville and Belleville, almost the whole state is dry. Nearly 80 per cent. of Illinois territory is without saloons. One can travel over the state in such cities as Rockford, Freeport, Dixon, Bloomington, Champaign, Danville, Decatur, Jacksonville, Springfield and hundreds of smaller towns and not see a saloon. Every indication is that Illinois next win-

ter will vote for the National Prohibition Amendment. In a short time, possibly within five years the whole United States will be Prohibition territory.

CHURCHES

Rev. H. L. Mounce of Bushnell began special meetings with the Cottonwood church October 6th. He was assisted by Evangelist Morrill but on account of the influenza the meetings had to be given up. The outlook was quite hopeful and it was quite a disappointment that the meetings could not continue. The pastor writes that Evangelist Morrill was "much appreciated in the community, which fact they demonstrated when it came to the business end. Four were approved for baptism."

DEDICATION AT GOODFIELD

Goodfield is a little town of three or four hundred people about fifteen miles west of Bloomington. The Deer Creek church established a mission at Goodfield quite a number of years ago. The towns are about four miles apart. Last September a year ago the church at Goodfield burned down and they collected about \$1000 for insurance on it. Rev. W. A. Dalton, the pastor at Deer Creek, took quite an interest in the rebuilding of the church at Goodfield and they completed a brick building with stone trimmings that cost a little more than \$18,000. It is a beautiful building and complete in all its appointments. The dedication service was held Sunday, September 24th. There was \$6,500 indebtedness and Superintendent E. P. Brand after a short sermon, raised \$6613.40. At the afternoon service Pastor Dalton was invited to retire from the room and Superintendent Brand stated to the congregation that Pastor Dalton's salary

was not as large as it ought to be and asked them to make a contribution to increase it. In about ten minutes he raised \$250 to increase his salary for one year beginning December 1st. Mr. Dalton had had no hint that anything of the kind would be suggested and was greatly surprised when called back into the auditorium and found the increase in salary not only made but actually subscribed. Sunday night Rev. Bunyan Spencer of Granville, Ohio, preached the dedicatory sermon and Superintendent Brand offered the dedicatory prayer. After the sermon the Pastor baptized two candidates in the beautiful baptistry. Both dinner and supper were served in the church and the day was highly appreciated by all who attended. The services were planned to continue throughout the week and a very interesting program was provided for each night of the week. A Thanksgiving sermon was arranged for Thursday morning and a Thanksgiving dinner to be given in the basement of the church.

PERSONALS

Rev. Francis L. Church, for the past two years our State Convention Evangelist, writes a card from England. He says, "Lots of chance for service already. My music has helped me reach the dough boys. Wasn't sick a minute on the way and with an enthusiastic crowd. Marched last night three miles in the rain after an all night's ride on the train. The Red Cross fed us hair here."

Mr. John Ruthven of Morgan Park, Chicago, who has been so active in our B. Y. P. U. work for a good many years in Illinois and who was the B. Y. P. U. correspondent for the Bulletin last year

has removed from Morgan Park to Washington City, D. C. The Armour Company, for which he has been working the past several years, feel that they must have his services in the capitol city of the country. Illinois Baptists and especially Young People will feel a great loss in the removal of Brother Ruthven.

Evangelist J. N. Edmundson closed an evangelistic campaign in Missouri, having been compelled to close up on account of influenza. He says, "I will be ready for work in my own great State just as soon as the flu subsides." His address is Atwood, Ill.

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola church and secretary of the State Apportionment Committee had a serious attack of influenza and was in bed ten days and at this writing is just beginning to get around again. He was taken with the influenza the day following the Board meeting in Bloomington, which he attended.

Rev. A. C. Kelly, Superintendent of the Hudleson Orphanage writes as follows: "Things are assuming their normal condition and in a few days we will catch up with our work of storing supplies and preparing for the care of stock during the winter. The children are in fine shape, having recovered normal health lots quicker than children in private families, according to our Doctor's statements. We are mighty happy not to have lost one." Like almost all other places the Hudleson Orphanage had very great difficulty in securing sufficient help while the children were down with the influenza, but it is rather remarkable that Brother Kelly managed affairs so that there was not a death among all those who had the disease at the home.

Some time ago Rev. W. F. Poole of Olney went to Camp Taylor for five weeks training for a chaplaincy in the U. S. A. Put through a thorough physical examination he was found disqualified for this service and came back to his church in Olney. Everyone was glad to have him return to his pastorate

ORDINATION

A council was called by the First Baptist church in Danville to meet November 8th to consider the matter of ordaining Mr. James C. Hill to the Gospel ministry. Twenty delegates representing fourteen churches were present at the Council. Brother Hill was a graduate of Shurtleff College and was at that time working at Camp Dix and had been conditionally appointed a Chaplain. After hearing the report of the preordination committee the Council organized with electing O. P. Miles as Moderator and D. O. Hopkins as Clerk and C. C. Long as Interrogator. The examination was quite rigid but the candidate was equal to the demands made upon him. The Council voted unanimously to recommend him for ordination. The exercises of ordination were carried out that night.

MISSIONARY CHURCHES

Through the financial assistance of the Educational Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention the State University church has been able to fix up several of its rooms for reading, writing and visiting on the part of the large number of military students at the University. Brother Bryant's health is good and with this assistance which he is receiving from the Northern Baptist Convention the work is being carried on very successfully.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. A. S. Gloyd of Kingsbury, Indiana, has been called by the Pleasant Grove church of Cooks Mill and the Coles church to become pastor of the two fields. This is a splendid pastorate, two good churches close together and a new parsonage and good support. This settlement is the result of the work of Dr. D. O. Hopkins, our missionary in that Association.

Rev. Geo. B. Hopkins has resigned the pastorate of the Damascus church and located in Freeport, Illinois. He is willing during the winter to supply churches at a reasonable distance from Freeport. His address is 151 Oak Street.

Rev. George W. Stoddard of Dixon has accepted a call to the pastorate of the East Park church in Decatur. The East Park church is a good field and Brother Stoddard is a good preacher and pastor. We hope there will be good success on that field.

Rev. John A. Simpson who has been pastor for several years at White Hall, has resigned that field and accepted a call to the Dixon church. Brother Simpson has been quite successful on the White Hall field and we hope he will be successful in building up the Dixon church.

Rev. J. W. Harnley, after a little more than one year at Momence, has closed his work there to take up Y. M. C. A. work. He did good and faithful work at Momence and the people regretted to have him resign. They hope to locate another pastor in the near future.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, who was for several years pastor of the Second Baptist church in Johnston City, has located at Taylorville. The Taylorville church has been pastorless for about one year.

Brother Bagwill had fine success on the Johnston City field and we hope he will be equally as successful at Taylorville.

Rev. Floyd N. Darling of Fulton, N. Y., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Campaign. One who knows him well writes as follows, "Mr. Darling is a graduate of the College and Seminary of Colgate University and has been in the university ten years. I know him personally and know him to be genuine."

Rev. A. B. Wimmer, who has been pastor at Paw Paw for several years, has closed his pastorate with that field and accepted the pastorate of the Morrison church. He says "We are thankful that the flu law is now lifting here and we are nicely settled on this field. The people here are very cordial and seem quite willing to work for Jesus."

I have read the report of the Board meeting held at Bloomington. I was pleased to note that we are to have our Superintendent to continue in office. We congratulate you, Doctor Brand, upon your long and most efficient career as the leader of the great Illinois Baptist State Convention. And we trust that God may give you many years yet in which to serve in that capacity.

I have returned from the camps and will resume my duties as pastor of the Arcola church. The church has made fine progress during my absence. And we were in fine shape for the enlistment campaign. But, the town has been quarantined on account of the flu for several Sundays. However, we are setting the machinery in motion and expect to put on the campaign just as soon as conditions will permit. The outlook is very encouraging.

L. E. Ellison.

The American Baptist Publication Society has employed Rev. Louis H. Koehler of Rochester, N. Y., to take charge of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work in Illinois in the place of Rev. W. B. Morris, who recently resigned that position after ten years of service. Mr. Koehler will begin work December 1st. He does not know yet where his headquarters will be. We hope that Brother Koehler will be heartily received and that he will be able to do a large work along this line in Illinois.

Rev. R. E. E. Harkness closed his work in Belvidere October 25th and accepted a position as Home Secretary, Department of the American Red Cross at Camp Grant.

Rev. M. C. Dickinson of Calvary church, Trenton, New Jersey, has closed his work in New Jersey and become pastor of the Ravenswood church in Chicago where Rev. F. R. Neel died last April.

Rev. Charles Holman of Bloomington, Indiana, recently became pastor of the Normal Park Church, Chicago.

The Cairo church has called Rev. William P. Pearce of Evansville, Wisconsin, to succeed Dr. L. D. Lamkin. Mr. Pearce has not indicated his decision at this writing but it is expected that he will accept the call.

Rev. George W. Broome of La Salle, is engaged in evangelistic meetings at Merton, Wisconsin. Mr. Broome has held a large number of successful meetings in the past few years and is now giving his whole time to evangelistic work.

WAUKEGAN AND GREAT LAKES NAVAL STATION

At the last meeting of the State Convention Board the Superintendent was requested to visit the Waukegan church and the United States Naval Station. The military encampment is an old institution, that is the older portion of it. That section is made up of large substantial brick buildings, but when war was declared they enlarged it to three or four times its former capacity. In the newer section the buildings are of wood, but they are substantial and comfortable. Some large buildings are being constructed now. During the summer there were from 50,000 to 60,000 men there. The number is greatly reduced now. But this will doubtless be one of two or three permanent naval stations. The United States government will sustain a strong navy for a long time. This country will never go back to the old plan of allowing other nations to carry almost all our foreign trade. Our great Merchant Marine will require that many men be trained for that service. Possibly 30,000 or more men will be kept at the naval station. It is remarkable, the interest the citizens of Waukegan take and the sacrifices they make for the naval boys. Waukegan is a very prosperous city. They say it has about doubled in population in ten years and another great plant that will work more than 2,000 men will soon be started. The churches, Y. M. C. A., the Masons and some leagues of citizens have made splendid arrangements to take care of the boys while they are in town on leave of absence from the camp. They have arranged comfortable and cheap places for several hundred of them to sleep and have arranged to give them plenty of splendid luncheon at a very low price. Places of amusement, and

for reading and writing and rest have been provided.

Rev. W. C. Rutherford has been pastor of the Baptist church for about one and a half years. He and his wife have done splendid work for that church and the soldier boys. The Baptist church has received no financial assistance from any source, and yet has done a heroic service. The War Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention has now offered them considerable financial help beginning November 11th, but not as much as they need. There has been a marvelous change in the church since I visited them less than two years ago. There were 190 in the Sunday School. They had 250 before the influenza came. The congregations were more than twice as large as two years ago. The meeting of the B. Y. P. U. filled almost all the seating capacity in the Sunday School room. There were fifty-one sailor boys at the Sunday night service and a smaller number Sunday morning. Sunday night after the sermon and communion service an hour was given to social service. Quite a number of the soldier boys were not Christians but all seemed deeply interested in all the services of the church. The Waukegan Baptist meeting house has an ideal auditorium but needs an enlarged and remodeled Sunday School and Social Department. This could be put on for about \$10,000 and should be done when the cost of building returns to natural conditions.

CHRISTMAS

We wish the readers of the Bulletin a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This should be the happiest holiday season we have had in many a year. For the past four years we have all felt that our Christmas was marred by many

millions of men being in a deadly conflict. We all felt that the best elements of our civilization were endangered. No one knew how long the conflict would last nor how it would come out. Almost no one expected the war to end before next summer. But now all fighting has ceased and the principles for which our country fought have been completely vindicated. By Christmas time many of our soldier boys will have returned home. Let us make it a glad and thankful day. Again, in former years, the day in which we celebrate the birth of our Lord, was used by many as a day of drinking and carousal. But now liquor is well nigh vanished from our country. Thirty-two states have prohibition and most others have banished the saloon from much of their territory. We have so many things to rejoice in at this time. Let us try to bring this world nearer to the Christ whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

The Kewanee church has eighty-seven stars in its service flag. There has been much sickness in that section during the past year. Pastor L. C. Trent has attended forty-five funerals in ten months.

Booker T. Washington once said in an address to his students, "Each one of you, in beginning your school year, should have a Bible and you should make that Bible a part of your school life, a part of your very nature, and always, no matter how busy the day may be, no matter how many failures you make in other directions, do not fail to find a few minutes to study or read your Bible. The greatest people in the world, those who are most learned, those who bear the burdens and responsibilities of the world, are persons who are not ashamed

to let the world know not only that they believe in the Bible, but that they read it."

"According to the Federal health authorities the influenza epidemic during the past few weeks has caused the death of more of the American people than has the great war up to the present time. There have been more than 1,000,000 cases of the disease throughout the country, with more than 76,000 deaths, while the total of casualties reported to date in the United States Expeditionary Force is 61,711, the number of deaths being about 15,000."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church.....	\$ 3.75
Aurora, H. D. Hallet (S. E. F.)....	15.00
American Baptist Home Mission Society (S. E. F.).....	4.56
Berwyn, Cyrus N. Gray.....	5.00
Belvidere, F. C. Ranger (S. E. F.)	15.00
Baptist Board of Education.....	150.00
Belvidere, F. C. Keeler (S. E. F.)	10.00
Bulletin Subscriptions.....	93.45
Canton Church.....	31.47
Chrisman Church.....	.86
Chicago—Second Church.....	30.48
Chicago—South Chicago Church..	14.50
Decatur—Riverside, Rev. A. E. Armstrong (S. E. F.).....	5.00
Decatur—First Church, David Patterson (S. E. F.).....	45.00
Dixon, Mrs. C. B. Morrison (S. E. F.).....	30.00
Delavan, F. L. Church (S. E. F.)	100.00
Dunk, F. M. (S. E. F.).....	36.00
Elgin—First Church.....	17.06
Freeport, M. S. Hart (S. E. F.)....	5.00
Greenup School Board.....	7.50
Harvey Church.....	3.15
Joliet, Chas. Lewis, (S. E. F.)....	5.00
Kewanee, George A. Whitney (S. E. F.).....	5.00
Loda, Burton Hungerford.....	10.00
Missionary Committee of Bloomfield Association.....	41.66
Marengo, Mrs. F. H. Gill (S. E. F.)	5.00
Manlius, Harry Johnson.....	10.00
Minonk Church.....	20.25
Mattoon Church.....	7.88
Manlius, F. L. Dabler (S. E. F.)..	10.00
Manlius, F. A. Olofson (S. E. F.)	5.00
Oak Park—First.....	35.00
Princeton Church.....	24.06
Rockford—First Church.....	12.37
Rockford—State Street Church..	30.94

Rozetta, Roy L. Brimhall (S. E. F.).....	6.00
Rockford, L. E. Waterman, (S. E. F.).....	10.00
Sadorus Church.....	5.82
Sidell Church.....	2.50
Sidell, D. H. Rinehart.....	2.50
Shurtleff College Advertisement..	8.00
Supply	25.00
St. Charles Church (for repairs)..	66.66
Thomas Church.....	1.99
Troy	2.46
Tremont, D. W. Largent (S.E.F.)	75.00
Tremont, Elmer A Litweiler, (S. E. F.).....	10.00
Toulon, Dr. E. B. Parker (S.E.F.)	25.00
University Church Fund.....	1927.50
Warren Church.....	.68
Wasco Church.....	2.00
Woodstock .....	.92
Wilmette	6.07
Waukegan, Mrs. Mary A. West, (S. E. F.).....	15.00
Total	\$3042.72

"The terrible toll that the war has taken of the educated young men of England is shown in statistics that have been just published concerning Cambridge University's losses during the last four years. Of the 14,340 members of the University enrolled for war service, 2,382 have been killed, 3,154 wounded and 2,871 are reported as prisoners or missing; a total casualty list of 8,417, or nearly sixty per cent. of the whole number."

"COPENHAGEN, Nov. 20.—Up to Oct. 31, 1,580,000 German soldiers were killed, and the fate of 260,000 was not known, the Vorwaerts of Berlin says it learns on reliable authority.

"Four million soldiers had been wounded, some several times. The newspaper adds that there were 490,000 German prisoners in hostile countries.

"This is a total casualty list of 6,330,000."

"A CHURCH MADE FROM A SINGLE TREE

There is a Baptist church in Santa Rosa which enjoys the distinction of being constructed entirely from a single tree. This tree from which the timbers, lumber and shingles were cut was a giant California redwood, and a considerable amount of timber was left over after the building was completed. It has a spire of 70 feet, an auditorium seating 500, a parlor seating 80, a pastor's study and a large vestibule. There are not many buildings in the world in which all the timbers, including its finishings, have been obtained from a single tree."

THE WAR ENDED

It was remarkable, that after just four years of almost universal success on the land, such as the conquest of Belgium and northern France, and the conquering of Russia and Roumania and Serbia and Montenegro, and the great drive into Italy and the defeat of the English at the Dardanelles, and the final great drive in the west, from the 21st of March until July, by the Central Empires of Europe, within a little more than three months after a large American army got to the front in France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey went to pieces, made a practically unconditional surrender and all fighting ceased at eleven o'clock, November 11th. The greatest war the world ever experienced came to the most sudden end of any great war in history.

The influenza seems to prevail in many parts of Illinois and in some sections is more prevalent than it was some weeks ago, but the cases do not seem to be quite so severe as formerly. It makes it exceedingly difficult for church work. Our evangelists and missionaries cannot hold meetings at all. Most of them are supplying churches every Sunday. We hope that conditions may be such that we can settle down to regular work in the near future.

The Editor visited the Pekin church November 17th. That church had been pastorless for about two years until last winter when they secured Rev. E. C. Pool of Rantoul. This is a good field, but has always been a rather difficult field for the Baptists to work. That was the first meeting after the quarantine had been lifted, but the Sunday School was well attended and we had quite a good congregation.

Rev. George W. Stoddard who has accepted the call of the East Park church, Decatur, leaves many friends in the city which he is leaving. The Dixon Evening Leader published an article with regard to his work and closed by saying:

"Rev. and Mrs. Stoddard, during their residence in this city, have made hosts of friends who regret exceedingly their departure, these friends being both in the church and outside of it. Rev. Stoddard is a broad minded Christian gentleman with a great love and charity for his fellow men, always ready to assist in time of trouble and to rejoice when it is time for cheer."

MEANDERINGS OF THE EDITOR

The Editor visited the Marquette Road church in Chicago and gave an address upon "Illinois one hundred years old," Thursday night, December 5th. Pastor A. C. Hodgson has arranged for a series of lectures in that church the past fall and coming winter. We had a fair audience and very good attention. Pastor Hodgson and his wife seem to be doing good work on that field.

ORDINATION

From Chicago he went, on December 6th, to Watertown in the Rock Island Association to attend the ordination of George B. Wilbur. Brother Wilbur has been laboring for five months as assistant pastor to Rev. J. M. Osborne at Silvis, Watertown and East Moline. This combination of churches and pastors is proving to be very satisfactory. The candidate passed a very creditable examination and it was unanimously voted to ordain him. The Editor of the Bulletin preached the sermon, Rev. J. C. Oranger of Rock Island offered the prayer and gave the charge to the church. Rev. I. A. Miller of Cambridge, gave the charge

to the candidate and Rev. W. H. Dickman of Bethel church gave the address of welcome. Three other pastors and one other minister were present. The attendance was small because of the very great prevalence of influenza in that section.

On Saturday I hired a livery horse and drove to Andalusia to look over the State Convention farm. There are thirty-nine acres in this farm with a house and barn. The lots on which the buildings stand are inside the town corporation. Rev. F. T. Klotzsche is the pastor and has been running the farm this year. He is doing good work with the church and everybody speaks well of him. He is an excellent farmer and has taken splendid care of the place this year. He has made some improvements, and the farm has remunerated him quite well.

I spent a part of Sunday morning, December 8th, in the Sunday School of the First Baptist church, Rock Island. There were about 150 in the Sunday school. If it were not for the "flu" the Sunday School would be too large for the accommodation of the building. Rev. J. C. Oranger is doing fine work with that church. I spent the eleven o'clock hour with the Edgewood church and heard Rev. W. E. Schlieman preach. This is one of our Mission fields in a part of the city rapidly growing in population. The pastor is planning to move the church to a new location and build when times are better for building purposes.

"Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, is now in Persia as leader of the Persian Relief Commission and is organizing the work of relief in that country. Last year 70,000 died for want of food in Teheran alone. Doctor Judson's work will prevent such wholesale death this year if funds are forthcoming."

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

On October 21st influenza made an attack on Hudelson. In rapid succession our children and half of our help became victims until we had forty-four cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson were among the first to be put out of service, and our seamstress flew from the "flu" immediately. We immediately squared ourselves for the fight. The two school rooms were emptied of school furniture and converted into dormitories for the well. The two regular dormitories were given exclusively to the sick and Aunt Kate's room became isolation quarters for any who developed complications of doubtful significance.

The care of the sick was undertaken by Mrs. Abston and Miss Hastings. By the end of the first week the latter was put to bed sick. To the superintendent was given the duty of preparing food for the smitten family and such other duties as related to kitchen and dining room. These duties, together with administration work kept him fairly busy. To Mr. Abston fell the care of the stock and other outside chores. Help first came from Centralia Red Cross, and later from Board of Health and Chicago Red Cross.

We won, saving all our family. We are grateful for help sent and to our Heavenly Father.

"It was good news last week that the Allied fleet had at last passed through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea, and anchored off Sebastopol, the naval base of Crimea. The present Ukrainian authorities received the fleet with joy. They say that after the German victories they had to choose between being overrun by the Bolsheviks and surrender to the Germans. They chose the latter, as the safer; but they found the abuse of the Germans far greater than they expected, and intolerable. The Germans set up a Russian puppet as "hetman," who took orders from them. With the Allied victories, and the armistice, the Germans had been obliged to withdraw, and their Russian tool had fled to Germany. As soon as the Allies can get an army into Southern Russia, they will help establish a stable government for all Ukraine, which is the most important part of Russia."

TO OUR DEAD

By E. M. Martinson

You, of our heroes, are the first
 Who through the gates of death have burst
 To keep your brothers free;
 To count the cost you did not stop;
 Your praise shall, too, go o'er the top,
 As far as liberty!

You, of our heroes, are the first
 Upon whose sight sunrise has burst,
 Of cloudless liberty.
 And may your guerdon ample be
 Of sacrificial ecstasy
 With those whom God sets free!

You, of our heroes, ever first
 Where fame is by the whole world nursed
 In grateful memory;
 By one great deed found life complete,
 In one great cause put all that's meet
 Of immortality.

To you, our dead, who braved the worst
 Of human frightfulness accursed
 That brotherhood might be,
 We raise our songs of thankfulness;
 Your names we honor, cherish, bless,
 To all eternity!

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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The Central District of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society invited the Foreign Association Secretaries in Illinois to attend its monthly board meeting on Nov. 19, and to hold a conference the following day. The morning session was given to short talks from the secretaries and chairmen of different departments. Many missionaries from the field were present in the afternoon, among whom was Dr. Anna K. Scott, who has spent most of her life in Assam and China. She gave thrilling accounts of her work and will be long remembered in connection with the hospital in Swatow. All spoke hopefully of the future as related to these days of reconstruction.

The following day all gathered around the conference table, where we talked and planned for the development of the state. Some of the topics discussed were: The Challenge of the Future, Our Share of the Task, Resources, Methods of Achievement, Organization, Education, Finance and Extension of Plans were fully developed, also the work of the Field Committee and the Duties of the Association Secretary. Miss Helen Hudson has been secured by the W. A. B. F. M. S. to do field work in the state. She begins in the Rock River Association.

Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge,
State Sec'y.

The report of the Reading Contest for the year just closed shows an increase of interest over the state. 1703 women have read at least one missionary book of the course. 4934 books have been read, making an average of 8 per cent for the state. An average of 10 per cent was our aim. The honor of winning the Loving Cup belongs again to Rock Island Association. Its average was 58 per cent, Rock River had 40 per cent, while an average of 31 per cent belonged to Morgan Scott Association. Belvidere South Church deserves honorable mention. There are 100 women in the church, 75 of whom read at least one book, with a total of 480 books, which is the largest number read by any church regardless of size. Fifteen women read the entire 14 books of the course. To the tireless efforts of Mrs. H. W. Reid, the chairman, is due much credit.

Damascus also should have honorable mention. With a membership of 22 women, 154 books were read, making an average of 7 books, which is the largest average reported by any number of women. This year the reading done by the men will be counted. We are more than a month late in starting, owing to the postponement of the state meeting, so let all redeem the time by redoubled enthusiasm.

Mrs. Minnie E. Church,
State Reading Contest Chairman.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.

NEW DIRECTOR

To the Young People of the Churches of Illinois:

A message from the Director of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

Dr. Brand has kindly given me the opportunity of sending a message to you through the Bulletin, thus introducing myself until I can meet you personally in our local churches and Associations.

At this writing I am engaged in finding headquarters for the work, which will be in the central part of the state. In the next issue of the Bulletin I will be able to announce our location. It is my purpose to have an office in my house in which I shall soon place the literature and material necessary for the work. I expect to have quite a stock on hand, especially the lesson helps, both uniform and graded, papers, standards and leaflets describing same.

There was never a day when our churches needed young people more than at the present hour. The great problem of world reconstruction is before us and our churches ought to influence the leaders engaged in this task. It is necessary that the young people of our churches be enlisted and trained in order that our churches in the immediate future present a standard which shall be a world ideal for the kingdom of God here on earth. The opportunity for service was never more needed than at this time, especially

in view of the fact that so many of our youth are away at camps and overseas.

Let us one and all gird ourselves for the work before us, ready to do all that we can for the church and our Christ. The boys will soon be on their way home and they must be welcomed back and given definite tasks in our schools and societies. As they have been engaged in national service inspired by patriotism let us conserve their spirit and morale and enlist their powers in a greater task.

Hoping to meet many of you in the coming days and heartily desiring to assist you in your problems and in raising the standard of your work, I remain

Louis H. Koehler.

Director Koehler began his work when all church and Sunday School work is difficult on account of influenza. He comes to Illinois very highly recommended by those who know him. He did not seek Illinois, but was sought by the Publication Society for this field because it was thought he would be successful in this state. We hope he will be heartily received everywhere by the pastors and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers. Now as the war is ended, it is time to plan for new and aggressive work. Brother Koehler seems to have had special training for this line of work and we hope he will have hearty and enthusiastic co-operation on the part of the denomination in Illinois.

Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence

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WHAT ABOUT OUR PEACE OFFERINGS?

One of the unsuspected but splendid by-products of the great war has been the fact that it has proved to be a great School of Giving. Its curriculum has embraced courses in Giving to the Government; Giving to the Y. M. C. A. and other War Work Funds; Giving to the Red Cross; Giving to Armenian, Belgian, French and Polish Sufferers. These were what might be called majors in the course and there were many minor courses. The nation has been to school and has learned to give by the thousands, by the millions, by the billion. Nothing like it was ever heard or dreamed of before. It makes the "Arabian Nights" as prosy as a bill of lading.

And the churches too have matriculated, somewhat cautiously, in the great School of Giving. That is to say, their caution has applied to their religious giving only, for Christian people have been the most enthusiastic, magnificent givers to the Government and all affiliated war funds. Many Christians also have awak-

ened with a start to the question "If we can give like this to the civil government why should we let the cause of the Lord God go about with a battered tin cup begging for coppers?" England, staggering under stupendous debts and with millions of its young manhood sacrificed, has even increased its missionary giving. Canada, having sacrificed a hundred times what we have given and suffered, has the same noble missionary record as England, and our own country has been taking a few minors in the school of sacrificial giving in order to make the world safe for Judgment Day.

Many a Christian is becoming ashamed of puttering at the work of the Kingdom, of giving less for all missions than for amusements, or candy, or newspapers, or cigars or for various innocent pieces of uselessness. Our war-offerings have stirred our consciences. What shall our "peace offerings" be now that God has suddenly answered our agonizing prayers for peace?

Augustine A. Carnian.

"One of the inevitable results of the war will be the break up of the caste system of India. A smashing blow will be delivered to that most utterly anti-Christian system. Probably 300,000 troops have crossed the sea from India, and by so doing have broken caste, and in order to be reinstated into caste those men must go through a very contemptible ceremony, which no self-respecting Hindu will submit to. It will be impossible for India to insist on that when those soldiers come back as victors from this great world war."

else. The ex-kaiser now says that he didn't have anything to do with it. Somebody started the war while he was on a short visit to Norway. He is very sorry it was started."

"The Armenians in this country are showing a keen interest in the effort to aid the starving millions in the East. A check for \$10,000 has just been left at the headquarters of the committee in New York by a man who insisted that his name should not be mentioned in connection with the gift. It will be necessary to raise at least \$30,000,000 to meet the needs of the starving peoples of Armenia and Syria and other states devastated by the Turks."

"Everybody in Germany is now trying to shift the blame for the war to somebody

BAPTIST OLD PEOPLES HOME

On the evening of October 8th occurred the annual meeting for the election of Directors for the ensuing year. The meeting was held at the Home.

Dinner was served by the ladies of the Board of Management. Several people were present beside the officers and the opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the Home and the details of its management and support was greatly appreciated, judging by their expressions.

The election resulted in the return of Messrs. Dittus, Byrne, Critten, Clancy, Knights, and Rev. Melvin P. Boynton with the addition of E. G. McDougall of the Englewood Baptist Church. Wm. H. Jackson and Robert A. Ogle of the Hyde Park Church. The addition of these new men, each of whom is of established business reputation, can but greatly increase the efficiency of the Board.

Under the new schedule, the Property Committee is represented by Albert Barge of the Berwyn Church.

The Financial affairs will be in the very able hands of Wm. Clancy. Associated with him will be Trustees Turner, Jackson and Mrs. McLaury.

This department will hereafter have the oversight of Trustee McDougall.

The Executive Officers will be George Critten, President; Dr. John Byrne, Vice-President; Jacob E. Dittus, Secretary; C. H. Knights, Treasurer.

The ability of these men has been so well demonstrated in the past that comment is unnecessary.

Much valuable time is required of them, as each is a busy man of affairs, but they will in the future, as in the past, carry the conduct of the Home upon their hearts as a sacred trust.

It would seem unnecessary to again remind our readers of the constant need of supplies for the continued maintenance and welfare of our dear old people, but they, like ourselves, must eat. The burden of their care is heavy and ever increasing. A very great effort is required by our Board of Management to solve the daily problems ever before them. How it is all done, no one knows, nor perhaps ever will, but by God's blessing, it is done and all honor to those noble women who have so consecrated their lives and service to this most noble purpose.

Each and every one of you can help them if you will, and any and everything you may give will make the burden less heavy upon their devoted shoulders. It is unnecessary that you should ask what we want. Anything and everything you can and will share in the way of table supplies; the very same things with which your own homes are furnished.

L. F. INGERSOLL.

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PREACHERS

There never was a time when efficient ministers were so needed in Illinois as at this time. It is hard to raise money but it is more difficult to find successful men. That does not mean that we have fewer preachers than formerly, or that our preachers are not as efficient as formerly, but that we have fewer men who can measure up to the times in which they are living. We need more educated men of the right kind of education. A man may have a good common school education and four years high school and four years college and three years seminary and yet if he is not sure as to whether or not Jesus was "Begotten of the Holy Ghost," if he does not believe in the deity of Jesus, if he is not sure about the miracles and does not believe in the Resurrection of Jesus he will be a failure as a Baptist pastor.

At the same time, we must have more preachers with a liberal education. There are a few men who did not go to school much and yet made good scholars of themselves. Men like Shakespeare, Spurgeon, Moody, Billy Sunday, Cornelius Woelfkin and others. But these men are comparatively few. Most men who do not go to school, do not have much intellectual training. The times have greatly

changed. An uneducated man had a far better chance for success sixty or seventy years ago than now. A man who had a common school education in that early day was an equal or a little ahead of his parishioners, but the man who has nothing more than a common school education now is far behind his congregation. There is almost no congregation today in country or village or city but has some high school graduates, and most of them college men and women. Our churches should look out for bright consecrated young men and women and encourage them to go to school and help them in cases where they need help, and try to make them believe and feel that a life spent in the service of the Master is more to be desired and means more than a life simply spent in business unless the business man is consecrated to God and will use his business for the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ.

Rev. John Johnson, pastor of Chilli-cothe, Steuben and Sparland sends a rather encouraging report of the work on those fields. He says, "Each church made up its finances in full at the close of the year and there was no deficit toward the pastor's salary." Pastor Johnson has a large and important field.

PEACE CONFERENCE

President Wilson is being welcomed in France and England. The Peace Conference at this writing has not yet met, but the leading statesmen of the Allies seem to be getting together. Let it be understood that the signing of the armistice was an agreement to cease fighting for a time but peace has not yet been declared. The Central Powers of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey practically made an unconditional surrender, but the conditions of peace have yet to be made. Germany's surrender of her fleet and submarines and much of her army equipment and some of her fortified cities was very humiliating but it should be remembered that no part of Germany was made a battle ground and all her cities and manufacturing interests are in good condition while most of those of the invaded countries have been partially or wholly destroyed. The manufacturing plants and mines in Belgium and Northern France have largely been destroyed. Germany has taxed the people and robbed the banks in Belgium, Northern France, Serbia, Roumania, Russia and some other countries, and has shipped immense quantities of private and government properties from other countries into Germany, besides having practically made slaves for several years of multitudes of private citizens of other countries. All these and many other things will have to be paid for before Germany can enjoy peace. Every intelligent person knows that Germany brought on the war, and she should be made to feel its effects in some measure as other countries have felt it and yet this should be done as a simple matter

of justice and to insure the future peace of the world rather than to satisfy any feeling of bitterness and hatred.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE ENDOWMENT

Rev. Myron W. Haynes, D.D., was secured several years ago to raise an endowment for Shurtleff College, but it failed to develop at that time and he was secured to raise a fund for Mc-Minnville College on the coast and Franklin College in Indiana. Again he was secured to begin in Illinois one year ago, but he had undertaken a similar work in New York state and that state made such a strong appeal to the trustees of Shurtleff College not to take him away from New York at that time that they released him for one year, but now he begins the campaign in Illinois. The plan is to raise a minimum of \$300,000 and it is hoped that it can be made to reach \$500,000. Shurtleff is the only school the Baptists of the Illinois Baptist State Convention have been asked to help to any great extent for the past twenty years, except our work at the State University.

For a quarter of a century this great rich denomination in Illinois has not given any large sums for education. Now is the time to do a reasonably big thing. Many of our people are able to give from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for this object, some more, and many less. Let everyone receive Dr. Haynes kindly in this great work. Now is the time to put Shurtleff "over the top" if it is ever to be done. Dr. Potter, in the seven years he has been president of Shurtleff College, has proved to be successful and quite popular among the Baptists of the state. Now is the time for a united drive for Shurtleff.

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THE Bulletin wishes all its readers a happy new year and a successful and prosperous period for the next twelve months.

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THE year 1919 is opening with greater world interests than any year in the history of the world, and Christian people should pray earnestly for Divine guidance in national affairs now.

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THE coming sessions of the Peace Conference mean more in the affairs of the world than any meeting, perhaps that has ever been held since civilization began. Practically the re-organization of the whole of Central Europe, Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Turkish Empire, the Balkan States, Poland, the whole of Russia, and the world-wide colonial possessions of the Central Empires. What wisdom will be required for this great task.

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IN America, for the first time in its history, the states, all of them, are called upon to decide whether intoxicating liquors can be manufactured, sold or imported into the territory of this country. Every indication is that in-

toxicating drinks will be outlawed in this country before the beginning of April.

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THE latter quarter of 1918 was almost lost in religious work in Illinois. In some parts of the state the quarantine was on all the time, and the dread of influenza on the part of the people kept many from Sunday School and church service, and special evangelistic meetings could scarcely be held at all.

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IF any of our churches that are pastorless now would like a regular supply for one or two or three months and will write the Editor, he can introduce them to some strong preachers. Evangelists and other workers would be willing to supply until the "flu" has passed away so that meetings can be held.

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THE pastors will have an opportunity to work during the coming year of peace, such as they have not had for the past four years of war and bloodshed. The great gloom has largely passed from the world and again it has been demonstrated that God still rules among the nations of men, and that no great crisis is too great for God to control and overrule.

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THE prevalence of the great epidemic and the loss of life during the past year should bring to the minds and hearts of the people a seriousness and determination to live and work for something higher and better than merely living for this life. We think the pastors can appeal to the people in an effective way this coming year.

INFLUENZA

January first has come and after three months the influenza still stays with us. The world has never seen such a war as has just closed. The loss of life and property and suffering was many times greater than that caused by any other war that ever occurred. Coincident with the closing three months of war and during the months following the most world-wide disease that has ever visited the earth has prevailed and still continues. More than 20,000 of our soldier boys died in the camps in this country and now the disease is prevailing in Europe as extensively as in America. Three of our Baptist preachers in Illinois have died because of it and many others have been very sick. The deaths throughout the country among all classes have doubtless numbered some hundreds of thousands. Throughout Illinois since September many of our churches have been under quarantine much of the time, and in many places the quarantine has been only partially lifted. It is very clearly understood that our missionaries and evangelists could do practically nothing in their line of work. The holding of special series of meetings has been practically impossible. Most of our men have been able to do some work most of the time on Sundays. Two years ago the State Convention authorized the Hudelson Orphanage to raise \$5,000 to repair its buildings and in other ways improve the institution. Superintendent Kelly has been so busy looking after the institution, including not only the children but the farm and the stock, that he has taken almost no time to raise this money. As our missionaries could not hold meetings on account of the "flu"

we sent Missionary Hafer and Evangelist Dunk into the southern half of the state to raise this money and they are working on that proposition now. It is very much more difficult to raise that money now than it would have been two years ago, but they are succeeding fairly well, and we hope that the whole amount will be raised in a short time. It is a very worthy object and should have been raised before this.

Our state men will use every opportunity as the influenza subsides to do aggressive evangelistic work but at this time the disease is very general and very many of the fatal cases have been the result of lack of care. The parties did not go to bed soon enough or slightly exposed themselves too soon after they thought they were recovered.

The Editor of the Bulletin had a mild attack, but it was a genuine case. His fever lasted only three days and did not rise much above 100 but he remained in bed two days after the fever left and stayed indoors for almost two weeks, and now seems to be fully recovered.

CHURCHES

Rev. H. L. Mounce, pastor at Bushnell and Cottonwood, writes, "All services going here but Sunday School. Baptized four young men recently from the Cottonwood church in our baptistry here."

Rev. J. M. Jones, pastor of the Carthage church writes December 30th, "We have not been able to hold a service of any kind in our church building for three months nor have we been permitted to have any services in our homes and even visiting has been looked upon with disfavor, except in cases of sickness, so the best time of the whole

year has been lost to us. There is a possibility of opening up soon now."

The Aiken Institute building at Morgan and Monroe streets in Chicago, has been newly decorated and the Executive Council of Chicago met with them on December 2nd. It is reported that more than 1,200 people were present. "The program was full of inspiration and remarkable enthusiasm prevailed. The speakers seemed at their best and brought messages of love and faith showing that the whole denomination was back of their work." The Sunday School of the Second Baptist Church has given \$500 to help sustain the work at Aiken Institute.

The Osceola church of which Rev. B. E. Allen is pastor, has voted unanimously to begin next spring toward remodeling their church building. They have voted to put \$12,000 repairs on their old building, making a plant worth \$20,000. This church is practically in the open country about ten miles from Kewanee. We feel sure that they will succeed with this work and put up a building that is worthy of the splendid church membership that worships there. Brother Allen has been pastor on that field about ten years.

On December 20th we learned that Rev. J. R. Hastings, pastor at Littleton was ill with pneumonia but was getting along nicely at that time. We hope he has fully recovered. He seems to be doing good work with the Littleton church.

Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., held a very successful meeting in the month of December at the Chatsworth church of which Rev. E. C. Shute is pastor. The conditions were rather unfavorable on account of sickness but the meet-

ings were quite successful. The pastor writes, "The Lord was with us, with the result that about twenty made a profession of salvation, eighteen of whom we had the joy of baptizing on Sunday afternoon and we also received four others on experience."

Rev. George W. Stoddard writes a very enthusiastic and encouraging letter concerning the work at East Park, Decatur, where he has just located. He says, "Large congregations at all services and 143 in the Sunday School last Sunday despite the fact that the influenza was all around us."

Rev. J. W. Nieman who is supplying at Eastern Ave., church in Joliet seems to be doing successful work and writes quite encouragingly concerning the interest on that field. The meeting house has been sold for high school purposes and on account of war conditions they have not been able yet to secure a new meeting house but good work is being carried on in rented buildings.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D., of Champaign, Illinois, has accepted a call to the Normal church and will begin work January 1st. Dr. Hopkins is an able preacher and Normal is a good field for work. It is hoped that he will have a successful pastorate. The large Normal School at Normal helps to make that a field of considerable interest in many parts of the state.

Rev. R. E. Foster, who has been pastor at Graymount for several years, and who has done good work on that field, has resigned to take effect February 1st. Brother Foster would consider another field in Illinois or would be willing to take a pastorate of two churches if they were well located.

Rev. A. P. Howells, who has been pastor of the Centralia church for eight years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Bloomington church in Indiana. Bloomington is the seat of the State University in that state and is a field of considerable opportunity. Brother Howells has had two successful pastorates in Illinois and we regret to lose him, but hope he will have large success in Indiana.

The Champaign church has called Rev. Floyd N. Darling of Fulton, N. Y., to become its pastor. He is a graduate of the Colgate College and Seminary and comes highly recommended. His church made a strong effort to prevent his coming to Illinois, but he decided to come.

Rev. J. F. Phillips has accepted the pastorate of the Medora church and has removed from Virden to the above named place.

Rev. F. L. Enslow, pastor at Clayton for two years past, has been appointed as a Y. M. C. A. worker to go to France.

STATE CONVENTION WORKERS

Rev. A. G. Prestage has spent six weeks on the Oglesby field and expresses himself as well pleased with the place and people although some of their good members have removed from that place, securing employment elsewhere.

Rev. John A. Simpson has spent one month on the Dixon field. The most of this time has been given to repairing the parsonage and fixing up for housekeeping. The trustees are putting \$300 repairs on the parsonage. The pastor expects to do some aggressive work during the coming quarter.

Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe is entering upon his third year as our missionary

pastor at Glasford and LaMarsh. Glasford has been closed up much of the time for the past three months on account of the influenza but the pastor has been kept very busy both in taking care of the sick and attending funerals. Many times he took charge of families where all were sick. Brother Wolfe writes, "I am the only man pastor resident between Pekin and Canton on this line." Since the roads became bad he has exchanged his automobile for a riding horse.

Student Ray W. Barber has spent six months with the Tampico church. He could not do much during the last three months on account of influenza, but is rather hopeful for the work on that field. He says, "Our motto for the year is 'If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.'"

Rev. H. T. Klotzsche seems to be doing good work at Andalusia. He has the only church of any denomination in that town and surrounding country for four or five miles. Everyone seems to like the pastor but the work seems to be difficult on account of so few people that care to attend church at all or support the work. We believe, however, that if Brother Klotzsche will stick to it that he can develop a strong interest on that field.

Rev. Ernest M. Cox, our missionary at Gilman, writes, "Our work is going very nicely. We have a Mission Circle now for the first time in the history of the church. Our subscription for Missions will be far ahead for 1919 of anything in previous years."

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our missionary pastor at the State University church reports that the work was exceedingly difficult the past quarter on

account of the location of the large military camp in that section of the city. The organization and breaking up of this large military department at the university made the work of the church very difficult but the pastor now feels that the way is opening up for some aggressive and encouraging work.

Rev. Irving A. Fox, our missionary pastor at Riverside, Decatur, writes, "We are having very successful times here. Work still progressing."

Missionary N. T. Hafer and Evangelist Frank M. Dunk are canvassing southern Illinois raising money for the Hudelson Baptist Orphanage. These brethren cannot do anything in evangelistic work on account of influenza and so are doing a good work in the interest of the orphanage.

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra of Fairfield, writes, "We have been quarantined here for ten consecutive weeks with the results that we have had services but three Sundays during the quarter and but three prayer meetings. A great many more calls might have been made as far as time was concerned but visiting was also discouraged to a large extent as we had at one time 350 cases among our population of 2,500. The lid was lifted for last Sunday but as the disease is spreading again I do not know how long we will be able to remain open."

PERSONALS

Rev. D. H. Leland, who for many years was a pastor in Illinois, went to Denver, Colorado, last June to regain his health. He has a daughter living in that city and is making his home with her. He says, "I should be glad if I am privileged to return to Illinois

when I have gotten what benefit there is for me in Colorado climate. I am so nearly well that I have consented to be put on the supply list of our State Convention Superintendent's books." We hope that Brother Leland will soon be entirely restored to health and that he may be able to return to the state where he spent so many years.

A Brimfield paper reports as follows, "Special meetings which Evangelist Richmond of Chicago, has been conducting at the Baptist church closed tonight. Brimfield has been visited before by evangelists but there never has been any one more sincere and earnest than Mr. Richmond. His sermons have been orthodox, scholarly and spiritual."

An aged lady in Galesburg recently received two five dollar bills as Christmas gifts. She wrote a letter to the editor of the Bulletin and enclosed a \$10.00 check, stating that there was no way in which she could use the ten dollars that seemed to her would be for so much good as to give it for State Missions, so this devoted woman's Christmas gifts will go into the work of saving Illinois. Would to God we had several thousand in Illinois as much interested in their own state as this dear sister from Galesburg.

"Word has been received during the past week to the effect that the family of Rev. Harry Trumbo of Petersburg, Ill., had been entirely wiped out by the epidemic. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo and their two children, Dudley, two years old, and Nedra, seven months old. Mr. Trumbo was formerly pastor of the mission church in South Denver and later of the Washington Park Church in the same city. He was engaged in the undertaking business in Petersburg."

DEATHS

"The death of Rev. F. W. Parsons, pastor of the church at New Stonington, Ill., occurred Dec. 8. He was a graduate of Shurtleff College and had been a faithful pastor for more than forty years. He left a wife, one son and two daughters."

Prof. G. B. Foster

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Prof. George Burman Foster, professor of philosophy of religion at the University of Chicago since 1905, died here today following a surgical operation. He was widely known and prior to coming to the University of Chicago as associate professor of philosophy in 1897 was professor of philosophy at McMaster University at Toronto. Professor Foster was born in Alderson, W. Va., April 2, 1858. A widow, Mrs. Mary Lyon Foster, a son and daughter survive.

"Among the gifts to the University of Chicago for the autumn quarter which closed last week was \$100,000 from Mr. Andrew McLeish, vice-president of the board of trustees. This amount is designated for an administration building."

"Rev. John Stewart, who on Sept. 30 closed seventeen years of service as secretary and superintendent of missions in Rhode Island, has been called to the First Church, Barrington, Ill., and began his service Dec. 8."

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST ROGER WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

Baptists generally feel that now is the time of all times to bring to the front our Baptist principles of soul liberty. Both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions have sanctioned

the effort to erect a Roger Williams Memorial building in Washington City. An excellent site has been selected and it is proposed to raise \$300,000 for the erection of a Memorial church. The committee that has this work in charge writes, "Let all plan to observe next Roger Williams day, February 6, 1919, when offerings may be received from churches, Bible schools and individuals throughout the Baptist host in America to set up in our Capital City a worthy memorial to the name of Roger Williams to the Glory of God." If any of our Illinois Baptist churches or Sunday Schools desire literature or information upon this subject let them write to Rev. Grover G. Johnson, D.D., 3121 13th St., Washington, D. C.

"WHEN IT IS WELL TO PART"

It is always best, when the heart of a man has parted company with a body of people with whom he has been associated, that he should separate himself from them in person, as well as in heart. Life is too short and the world too spacious to make it worth while to continue relations that are felt to be galling. When bonds begin to chafe the wise thing is to cast them off. Happy the man to whom an angel comes, in whatever guise, to loosen his fetters, and lead him forth into the freedom which he craves.

And it is a relief to those with whom such a man is associated when he drops his gyves and joyously betakes himself elsewhere. It is a relief, even when most sincerely regretted. One who is "with us, but not of us," no matter who we are or what the relation between us, is always a source of unrest, if not of irritation. We are sorry that things are as they are; we wish that the disturbing element could be content to let what we conceive to be well alone, and that we could go on to the end in quietness and peace. But if that cannot be, how much better that there should be separation than a growing sense of discord—better for the cause represented by the body concerned, better for the man who feels himself out of sorts with the ideas and aims of the body in which he is included, but with which he is, at important points, at variance.

For this reason we are never disposed to find fault with or carp at a man who

finds himself, or imagines himself "cribbed, cabined and confined" by the principles and polity of a Baptist church, and forthwith takes himself out of it. We know that we are narrow at certain points. But so is every organization that has principles and loyally stands by them. The truth itself is narrow. It hedges a man about, and refuses to allow him to believe that truth and error are all one. If, then, a man is able to persuade himself that the narrowness of some other body of believers is less repugnant to him than that of the Baptists, we shall hurl no stones at him as he steps outside the barrier, but rather say, in paraphrase of Horace Greeley's famous dictum, "Erring brother, depart in peace." That is not condoning error. It is simply allowing to another the liberty which we claim for ourselves. And we think that in this we have the mind of Christ."—Workman Examiner.

GERMANY'S LOSS 6,066,769 MEN; KILLED 2,000,000

New York, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published, the number of dead will be about 2,000,000, according to the Cologne Gazette of Nov. 25, a copy of which has been received here. Up to Oct. 25 the total casualties reported were 6,066,769, of whom more than 4,750,000 were Prussians. The total includes the naval casualties which were 70,000, comprised of more than 25,000 dead, more than 15,000 missing, and nearly 29,000 wounded.

Casualty list No. 1,284, published on Oct. 24, according to the Cologne Gazette, placed the number of dead at 1,611,104, the number of wounded at 3,683,143, and the missing at 772,522. The paper says that of the number reported missing 180,000 may be considered dead.

The Cologne paper uses the word appalling in describing the casualties among the officers. The total on Oct. 24 included 44,700 officers killed, 82,460 officers wounded, and 13,600 missing, a total of 140,760. The loss in officers alone, the paper points out, exceeds the total casualties of Germany in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, when the total losses were 129,698.

The losses were apportioned as follows:

Prussia

Dead, 1,262,060; wounded, 2,882,671; missing, 615,139; total, 4,760,870.

Bavaria

Dead, 150,658; wounded, 363,823; missing, 72,115; total, 586,596.

Saxony

Dead, 108,017; wounded, 252,027; missing, 51,787; total, 411,831.

Wurttemberg

Dead, 64,507; wounded, 155,654; missing, 16,102; total, 236,963.

Navy

Dead, 25,862; wounded, 28,968; missing, 15,679; total, 70,509.

STATE SONG FOR 1918

Tune, "Illinois"

Baptist women bring your Greeting,
Illinois, Illinois.
While throughout the year we're meeting,
Illinois, Illinois.
We have given to you our best,
Sons and prayers and tenderness,
We are working with true zest,
Illinois, Illinois.
We are working with true zest,
Illinois.

As the cent'ry tells the story,
Illinois, Illinois.
Of thy progress, and thy glory,
Illinois, Illinois.
On the annals of the years,
Woman's name there oft appears,
Sharing all your hopes and fears,
Illinois, Illinois.
Sharing all your hopes and fears,
Illinois.

Then with greater consecration,
Illinois, Illinois.
We will strive to help our Nation,
Illinois, Illinois.
Here we pledge our faith to thee,
And our Slogan, it shall be
To God and Country, Loyalty,
Illinois, Illinois.
To God and Country, Loyalty,
Illinois.

Compliments of the
Woman's Baptist Mission Society
of Illinois.

Professor Allen Hoben, Ph.D., of the University of Chicago, who went overseas last spring with the American Young Men's Christian Association, was wounded October 6 while engaged in his duties near the front line. A cablegram was recently received by his mother saying that he had been discharged from the hospital and would soon leave for home.

"The camp itself delights me when I compare the present state with that of even two years ago," writes Miss Elizabeth Glick, missionary among the Indians, Reno, Nevada. "Then they lived in the most unattractive places, some in the city garbage dump heaps. Now their places are neatly fenced; trees and gardens are planted, carefully watered and tended; chickens and rabbits have their quarters; and some have built neat barns and feeding stalls for the ponies."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR DECEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Alpha Church	\$ 42.55
Arcola Church	4.12
Antioch Church	3.15
American Baptist Home Mission Society	57.05
Assumption, Rev. J. W. Smith, (S. E. F.)	2.00
Assumption, A. E. Palmer (S. E. F.)	10.00
Assumption, J. E. Perryman (S. E. F.)	15.00
Belvidere South Sunday School, Special Collection	3.35
Benton, S. C. D. Rea (S. E. F.)....	7.50
Bulletin Subscriptions	55.55
Chicago, LaSalle Ave. Church.....	5.97
Chicago, Englewood Church.....	120.00
Chicago, Galilee Church.....	1.89
Chicago, Lorimer Memorial Ch....	22.50
Chicago, Western Ave. Church.....	38.05
Chicago, Windsor Park Church....	7.14
Cornell Church	2.75
Clyde Church	4.99
DeKalb, First Church	23.85
Elgin, First Church	17.92
Galesburg Church	52.50
Hafer, Rev. N. T., Collected on Mission Fields	157.10
Joliet, First Church	15.67
Joliet, Eastern Ave., Church.....	26.12
Lexington Church	1.82
LaMarsh Church	2.72
Manlius Church	20.50
Missionary Committee of the Bloomfield Assn.	10.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Percy Church	1.78
Permanent Fund, Annuity.....	3,000.00
Permanent Fund, St. Charles Insurance on Church.....	600.00
Peoria, First Church	117.00
Roodhouse, Mrs. C. F. Scott (S. E. F.)	5.00
Rebate on Expenses by Laymen's Organization	13.49
Rents, Oklahoma house rent.....	10.50
Rents, Greenup Meeting House rent	7.50
Rent, Andalusia Farm	37.50
Sycamore, First Church	2.16
Urbana, Mrs. Eva H. Kirkland, Life Membership payment.....	5.00
University Church Fund	2,266.20
Wheaton Church	20.00
Wilmette Church	7.35
Warren Church .....	.89
Woodstock Church	1.45
Waukegan, Rev. Harold G. High (S. E. F.)	10.00
Total	\$6,912.58

Rev. J. E. Hart who resigned the Buda church in order to accept a chaplaincy in the United States army has been discharged with the demobilization of the army. He reports an enjoyable time as chaplain but is now ready to locate in a regular pastorate again. His present address is Jonnson City, Illinois.

STATE CONVENTION WORKERS

Rev. T. O. McMinn, our Missionary in the Southern Illinois Association, has done considerable work during the past quarter notwithstanding the prevalence of sickness in that part of the state. He has helped to locate pastors at Pleasant View, Oak Valley and Blue Point. He held a three weeks' meeting in December at Crainville. There had not been a service held in that church for two years. As a result of the meetings there were twenty-one professions of faith and twenty-four added to the church. They called Rev. Mr. Barringer as their pastor.

Mr. David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain, is perhaps the greatest man in the world today. He is a very faithful and earnest member of a Baptist church in London.

On November 29, 1918 he wrote a very interesting letter to Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, editor of the Baptist Times and Freeman of London. Among other things he says the following on the Liquor Traffic:

"In th's connection let me say that the lessons of the war in relation to the regulation of the drink traffic must be carefully examined and observed. By means of the regulative action which has been in force during the war a very considerable decrease in the output of alcohol was effected. The output of beer has been reduced to one-third of what it was in pre-war days; that of spirits has been reduced by one-half. The results of this action are most

significant. Particularly is this so in the case of women. Thus, with an increase of 1½ million in the number of women employed in industry, and an increase of between £150,000,000 and £200,000,000 in the wage-earnings of women, there has been a decline in female drunkenness amounting to no less than 73 per cent as compared with the pre-war figures. Nor is this decrease confined to public drunkenness. The Registrar-General pointed out a year ago that the fall since 1914 in the number of deaths of females from alcoholism amounts to over 50 per cent, and that the decrease in alcoholism must also have had much to do with the decline in suicide among women from 47 per million living in 1914 to 38 per million in 1915.

"These and similar facts will have to be borne in mind when the time comes—as it must come—to deal with the problem in a comprehensive and permanent manner. For every obstacle—moral as well as physical—to the health and happiness of the people must be removed.

"(Signed) D. Lloyd George."

THE BLOOMFIELD ASSOCIATION

The pastor-at-large has been privileged to work in this splendid Association, both as pastor and missionary for over seven years. During the last four months he has traveled over its territory and preached in many of its churches, and during November and December he has worked specifically under State Convention direction. The response to his work has been most gratifying. He assisted in collecting about a thousand dollars for the new modern parsonage at Cooks' Mills, he also helped in locating a good pastor for the Pleasant Grove and Coles churches. The salary on these two fields has been increased to the extent of about five hundred dollars. A consecrated man was secured for the Antioch church and the machinery was set in motion for an every member canvass which will result in a two hundred dollar additional salary over former years. He has conferred with pulpit committees, helped to plan future work with several of the pastors, corre-

sponded with available men and fields, attended conferences and church councils—all for the larger interest of the Kingdom of God.

Both as Moderator and Director of Missionary activity he has come into intimate and pleasant relations with both the laymen and ministers of this Association. There are now several pastorless churches and need for well equipped leaders.

The churches have not been exempt from the prevailing sickness. Several churches have had no services for months. Under normal conditions some of these pastorless fields would have been well manned by this time. But no business meetings have been possible. However, conditions are improved now.

During the last sixteen days of the old year, the pastor-at-large conducted a series of revival meetings with the Hurrican church, ten miles southeast of Charleston. This is a separate Baptist church. The church has had no regular preaching services for two or three years. Yet, in spite of the rainy weather, muddy roads, and some sickness a great meeting was held. On Christmas night seventeen made profession of their faith in Christ, and on January 1st when the meetings closed the total of thirty-four conversions made hearts glad. Among the Christmas gifts to our Lord there was one father and four of his boys. The church sent a substantial offering to the State Convention.

The writer wishes a Happy New Year to all the pastors and churches of the Bloomfield Association.

D. O. Hopkins.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Two months have passed since our last report to the Bulletin, and many things have happened too numerous to mention. We will simply outline a few of the outstanding events.

First, Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone, and both occasions were important events in the Home. The gifts were many and choice. And we take this opportunity to thank all our friends for their kind remembrance of us. However, we feel that special mention ought to be made of the Thanksgiving donation of dressed chickens. Suffice it to say that a family of over eighty enjoyed chicken for more than two meals. Again the Tabernacle Baptist friends sent turkey enough for all the children and help for Christmas. This church has favored the Home in this way for more than fourteen years.

Another matter worthy of special mention is the response made to our appeal in a former issue of the Bulletin for potatoes. Said appeal met with a generous response, for which we are thankful to the donors.

Above all, we want to thank our Heavenly Father for the continued health of our large family of 75 children. So far the influenza has not touched us. The health of our family is noteworthy of special mention, because throughout the year there has been no serious sickness.

In all there have been in our Home during the year 147 children; 81 boys and 66 girls. Of these 54 attended the public school, and 4 the high school.

"WHAT TIME IS IT?"

It is time to be brave. It is time to be true.
It is time to be finding the thing you can do.
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,
And work for the cause that is holy and high.
It is time to be kind. It is time to be sweet.
To be scattering roses for somebody's feet.
It is time to be sowing. It is time to be growing.
It is time for the flowers of life to be blowing.
It is time to be lowly and humble of heart.
It is time for the lilies of meekness to start,
For the heart to be white and the steps to be right,
And the hands to be weaving a garment of light."

One quarter of our State Convention year has gone. The finances have kept up as well or better than usual for the first quarter but the time has come when our State Convention churches should give more attention to raising their State Convention offerings earlier in the year than they have been accustomed to do. So many put off the matter of raising their State Convention money until nearly the close of the year and then in many cases something happens that they cannot get their money in at all. Last year some of our prominent churches that are in hearty sympathy with the work of our State Convention and that raised their full apportionments for other things failed to get the offering in for the Convention work. People who live in Illinois should give their first attention to the saving of their own state. If we cannot put Illinois on a high state of civilization it is folly to talk of doing it in other parts of the world. If we cannot build up new churches and save our older ones in this state it will not be long until we will have but very little constituency to draw upon for Missions in other parts of the world.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Elgin

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

On Dec. 10-11 there was held in Bloomington a conference of some of the officers of the State Woman's Society and officers of the Associations. There were eight Associations represented. From the opening devotional led by Miss Mildred Jones to the close at noon on Wednesday the meeting was full of inspiration and interest. Most of the time was taken up by open conference on topics pertaining to the work the state is asked to do. Many helpful suggestions were given and many points made clear to those who did not fully understand them.

The Bloomington women served dinner on Tuesday which was followed by toasts on the general topic "The Challenge of Peace to our Mission Work." Each letter of the word "Peace" was used as the first letter of the subject on which a toast was given.

In the evening session which was an open meeting, addresses were given by Dr. E. P. Brand, Mrs. S. A. D. Boggs and Mrs. Washington Laycock. Wednesday morning was given to questions and discussions upon how to enlarge the various organizations and the duties and opportunities of Association officers. Through the several sessions ran the desire for a larger outlook and a knowledge of how to make effective the opportunities each might have.

Some Snap Shots of the Conference

Many circles are having Study Classes of small groups meeting week-

ly in the afternoon. Others by having them in the evening are interesting the men, not only in the study but the social hour which follows.

This year the reading done by the men in the prescribed course of books may be counted in the report the same as that done by women.

The importance of missionary education in the home cannot be over-estimated.

Missions should be taught in every Sunday School. If the Superintendent does not find a way, the teacher can give a missionary touch to every lesson by giving it thought. She can also find many ways to carry the spirit of missions into the homes of her scholars.

More Christian Americanization has been done in Illinois during the past two years than in all previous years. One of the greatest elements to bring this about has been the influence of women in training children for the past forty years in missions and temperance.

When war was declared 80 per cent of the troops who went from Assam were Christians. The people are working for home rule but insist that Christian influence and rules shall be included in its government.

The W. W. G. Guilds are nearing the work set for March 1919—180. There are now 177.

Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence

19 S. La Salle St., Chicago

THE NEW YEAR'S INVENTORY

Not only the merchant but the individual needs to take an inventory at the end of a year, if not oftener. And if railroads and factories need to take account of stock so do the churches. In fact the churches need to go over their books more frequently than established business concerns, for the churches are voluntary organizations not under compulsion or the lure of personal gain, and the secret of turning desultory action into efficiency and adequacy in our churches is constant watchfulness and "following up."

The Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence, established by the Illinois Baptist State Convention with the co-operation of the national societies for the promotion of missionary interest and the gathering of missionary money for all of the objects in the state and national apportionments, has come to the end of its third quarter with January 1. This first year is a year of "trying out" this plan of a unified collecting agency, which is new to Illinois. It will be impossible until the end of the year to make any exact comparison with the results in all of the societies, since methods and dates of reckoning are changed in some of the societies. However, the general progress can be ascertained.

We know for one thing, that the churches have not yet approached very near the goal which the societies have

been urging so strongly, viz, THE RAISING OF A FULL QUARTER OF THE APPORTIONMENT IN EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR. Instead of that we raise about 5 per cent the first quarter, 15 per cent the second quarter and leave 80 per cent of it to be raised later, the most of that coming (if it comes at all) in the last few weeks of the fiscal year.

Now the Laymen's Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention are taking the lead in raising the whole budget and the churches will receive ere long statements of their accounts with a request to provide for the raising of the full apportionment this year. They have great plans also for raising not only the apportionment but also, through individual gifts, raising all of the other items in the national budget.

But the present drive is simply, as it affects the churches themselves, for the raising by March 31 of the full apportionment of the national societies and one-half the apportionment of the state conventions (whose year does not end until Sept. 30). It is called the Victory Campaign. Let us in Illinois show our gratitude to God for the wonderful victory of our arms by doing our utmost for the Kingdom.

Augustine S. Carman,

Sec'y. I. B. B. B.

19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago.

Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work

Louis H. Koehler, 2006 E. Jackson St., Bloomington, Director

We have a headquarters at last. After much searching and scouring of the cities and towns of central Illinois we have located at Bloomington at the address given above. We are planning to make this a real center for our work and will stock up with Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. literature as soon as feasible. At this office we expect to receive your calls for assistance and hope to be able to give practicable help in most instances.

Thus far we have been visiting in the Bloomfield and Bloomington Associations and have received a most hearty welcome by the pastors and workers. It has been a month of planning and conferences and augurs well for the future.

You ought to know that the state B. Y. P. U. has a new head in the person of Mr. Harold J. Howard of Mt. Vernon, who has accepted the appointment as president. With Rev. H. W. Hines as chairman of our department and with Mr. Howard as B. Y. P. U. president the work among the young people of the state will undoubtedly take on new life.

The plans for the month include an important conference of the members of the department at Bloomington to which will be invited a select number of conferees. Parts of two days will be given to earnest consultation and the devising of plans and programs for the year's work. The leaders are anxious to lift the standard and you may be sure that a fine program of activities

will be one of the results of the conference.

Among the coming events none is more important than the St. Louis Convention which will be the 28th anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. A. The dates are July 3-6, 1919. Begin at once to plan and work for a large delegation. We would suggest to you, Mr. Pastor, that you can well afford to give time and energy to working up this delegation and then heading it. Young people who have as a pastor a man who always leads them in going to such a convention generally stick by their pastor and church through thick and thin.

During the months just ahead of us there is a work for the leaders which cannot be neglected without great loss to our churches. Every returning soldier and sailor should be seen immediately upon his arrival and given a most hearty welcome to the church, Sunday School class and B. Y. P. U. Many of our boys have gone over the top for the cause, quite a number have been wounded and all were willing and anxious to do whatever was asked of them to help make the world safe for liberty loving people. As they return to their churches we must capitalize this spirit and power for the cause of the Master. The call of the Christ should be as urgent as the call of country and it is up to the leaders at home to present such a live program that every one of our boys will wish to take part in it. Let us conserve the service-sacrifice spirit of our young men.

The Laymen's Organization of the Northern Baptist Convention of which F. W. Ayer of New Jersey, is chairman and Rev. F. P. Haggard, D.D., of New York secretary, has undertaken the work of raising all the money for the Northern Baptist Convention. That is, they look after the raising of the apportionments that were apportioned to the churches and amounts from the individuals outside of that. The following statement as published in the Journal and Messenger of Cincinnati last week gives some idea of what they are intending to do:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF NORTHERN BAPTIST LAYMEN

Details of the Victory Budget of the Eight National Organizations.

Last week a general announcement of the national budget and the Victory Campaign appeared in The Journal and Messenger. It was important in that statement to fix attention upon the grand total of \$6,000,000 as our united task, for it is in terms of unity and totality that we should think in the future. But, of course, budgets are made up of details, some of them exceedingly interesting to some people, and a summary is here given for the benefit of those who wish to have the facts:

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	\$1,637,273
Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.....	697,282
American Baptist Home Mission Society	989,461
Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.....	425,462
American Baptist Publication Society	304,464
Ministers and Missionaries' Benefit Board	869,000
Board of Education	200,000
Baptist War Commission.....	100,000

Total\$5,222,942

To cover possible shrinkage in anticipations from legacies, annuities, income from funds, the apportionments to the churches and expenses..... 777,058

\$6,000,000

Amount which it is hoped to realize from legacies, income from funds and apportionments\$2,603,679

Balance to be secured in personal gifts over and above apportionments	3,396,321
Last year we raised a total of....	2,766,526
This year we must raise.....	6,000,000
Or an excess over last year of....	2,233,474

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit,' (John 3:8). We know that the wind listeth to blow where there is a vacuum. If you find a tremendous rush of wind, you know that somewhere there is an empty space. I am perfectly sure about this fact: if we could expel all pride, vanity, self-righteousness, self-seeking, desire for applause, honor and promotion—if by some divine power we should be utterly emptied of all that—the Spirit would come as a rushing, mighty wind to fill us. —A. J. Gordon."

Rev. L. A. Miller who has been pastor of the Cambridge church for about three years, has resigned that pastorate and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Batavia. He will begin his pastorate January 19. Batavia is a field of great possibilities and we hope Brother Miller will have good success on that field. This leaves Cambridge, another important field in the Rock Island Association, pastorless.

Rev. H. H. Ford, former pastor of Elliott Ave. Baptist church at Springfield, is now located at Travers City, Michigan. He writes "Kindly send Illinois Bulletin to my address for one year. Feel lonesome without the Bulletin."

"A Catholic priest at Iloilo remarked to one of the preachers on that field soon after Rev. H. W. Munger had left the island: 'I am afraid that Mr. Munger is coming back to start an evangelistic campaign through this district. It is wonderful how the Protestants have grown and how strong they are.' This in direct testimony from a Catholic is really of more value than a direct testimony from the people."

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LAYMEN'S MEETING

A meeting was called by our national organization of laymen to meet at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, January 22nd and 23rd.

All the State Convention Secretaries from Maine to California were called to that meeting and nearly all of them were there. Quite a number of the officials and secretaries of the National Societies were also present.

There were ninety-one in all. There were three laymen and a few ladies from Chicago, and the remainder were ordained preachers, but men who are not pastors; perhaps these last now regard themselves as laymen.

On Monday and Tuesday the Home Mission Secretaries met with the State Secretaries from states west of the Mississippi river.

Tuesday afternoon the State Secretaries from ten states east of the Mississippi river met at the Metropole Hotel and Tuesday night nearly all of the State Secretaries held a three hour meeting in the Metropole Hotel.

The subject for discussion nearly all day Wednesday was the question of an inter-denominational financial drive during the year 1919-1920. This developed considerable difference of opinion, but it was finally almost unanimously agreed

to recommend the Home Mission Society to make all the investigation necessary with regards to the needs in the several states and to report to the Northern Convention in May so that the Convention can settle what part, if any, the Baptists should take in that drive.

Thursday, the 23rd, was given wholly to a discussion on plans for raising the \$6,000,000 planned by the Laymen's organization. This includes the apportionments and about three and a quarter millions to be raised by individual solicitation. The first effort must be for every church to raise its budget in full. No other solicitation will be made upon the churches and no organization will make any private appeals for money; but this will be done by the laymen's drive and well-to-do individuals will be appealed to for special contribution.

Many individuals have been so prospered that after the apportionments have been made up they can give extra from \$50 to \$500 and some it is hoped will give \$100,000.

It is reported that one man offers to give \$200,000.

All this must be done within sixty days. Let everybody get busy, especially to raise the full apportionment.

TIME FOR STRENUOUS EFFORT

There has never been a time in the history of Illinois Baptists when so strenuous an effort should be made along the line of Christian work as now, and during the next few months and possibly years.

For the past few decades we have been drifting along, not doing things on a large scale. We cannot do that now, times have changed. We must either push ahead or die out.

The War Closed

The war is now over and our soldier boys are coming home. They are coming home, to some extent, a different sort of men. They have had new experiences of life, and if the churches reach them, or utilize those who are members, in Christian service they must be active and self-sacrificing to a large degree.

The \$6,000,000 Drive

Within the next sixty days the Baptists in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention are asked to raise six millions of dollars. This includes the apportionments the churches have been working on for ten months.

The duty of every pastor and church is to make the entire apportionment of the church in full before March 31st. We cannot afford to fall down on this apportionment this year. Of course the State Convention apportionment need not all be raised before April 1st, but it must all come in this year.

Aside from the apportionment, about three and a quarter millions of this six million dollars must be given by reasonably well to do Baptists, persons who can make a special gift above the apportionment of \$50 and up to sums of six figures. Will Illinois do its share in this large work? We believe it will.

The Local Church

Now is the time for every local church to do its best. It is absolutely unreasonable to expect pastors to live on the same salaries they did three years ago. The cost of living during that time has increased from sixty to seventy per cent and in some things it has doubled.

The income of nearly all the church members has increased in like manner. In many cases the churches have been willing for their pastors to work through the week and preach on Sunday rather than increase their salaries. Some churches, a considerable number of them, within the past three months substantially increased the pastor's salary, but many have not. Now is the time for everybody to make a strenuous effort.

The Pastors

There has been comparatively little revival work during the great war. Now is the time for every pastor to become an evangelist. Heretofore the pastors have depended too largely upon professional evangelists and union meetings to do the most precious and joyful part of their work. The greatest evidence of a call to the ministry should be that the person is a soul winner.

Not only in the pulpit, but in private visitation from house to house the pastor should make an effort to win persons to an acceptance of the gospel, to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now is the time for both pastors and churches to exert every energy in an effort to advance the interests of the Kingdom of God.

"An aerial express has been established between London and Paris. The charge is about \$45, each way. One can make the round trip in a day, and have four hours in each city. Most people prefer to ride on a railroad train and save money."

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INFLUENZA prevailed throughout central and southern Illinois during January as generally as during any month in the fall.

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THE Editor's stenographer has had both influenza and pneumonia and was out of the office three weeks. She has nearly recovered at this time.

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THERE has been but little effort made for the past four months in evangelistic work. It has been almost impossible to hold special evangelistic meetings. A very few that have been held have been successful.

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NOW is the time for everybody to work to make up the full apportionments of the churches. During February and March very special effort should be given to this phase of Christian work. Now is the time for people to double their giving for missions.

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PEOPLE who desire to give some money for the Lord's work, and yet need the income on it while they live, should take out an annuity bond. The Illinois Baptist State Convention is one of the most reliable and safe organizations from which they can secure annuity bonds.

THE interest on annuity bonds is higher than can be secured in almost any kind of business. If a person is sixty-five years of age, his income on an annuity bond is 7 1-2 per cent. If he is seventy years of age his income is 8 per cent. During the past year one man has taken out \$4,000, and a woman \$1,000 in State Convention annuity bonds.

THE financial drives and other business interests should not turn away the minds of Baptist people from the spiritual interests of the churches. Every pastor should try to make the next three months a soul winning time. People who are members of the churches and are indifferent should be waked up spiritually. The attendance at the prayer meetings should be greatly increased. We cannot succeed with the Lord's work without spiritual life.

THE Bulletin should in no way hinder the circulation of larger papers and magazines. Every Baptist family should take Missions and some weekly Baptist paper. But the Bulletin costs so little that it is easy to get a club in every church, if some one would make a little effort to do it. Much local news can be secured in that way that cannot be read in any other paper. The Bulletin is a news letter that goes into the home each month full of Illinois news.

"Do you know these facts in the work of the Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society? Ten missions are maintained. There are 726 missionaries. In 1917 on all fields 9,770 converts were baptized. Seventy-two agencies for healing are maintained. There are 2,696 schools of all grades, with a total enrollment of more than 87,000 pupils. During the first year of organized missionary effort the total receipts for foreign missions were \$1,059. For the fiscal year ending March 11, 1918, the total receipts amounted to \$1,257,508.—Watchman Examiner."

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Illinois committee of the laymen's organization was called by Dr. Haggard and President Ayer to a meeting in Chicago, Wednesday, January 29th.

The meeting was held from 12 at noon until nearly 5:00 p. m.

There were about thirty members present. There was one representative from Benton, one from Alton, several from central Illinois, and the remainder from the northern part of the state. It was a very encouraging meeting.

The committee was unanimously in favor of making an effort to have Illinois raise her share of the finances needed to carry on the missionary and other work of the denomination.

Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., had resigned as the Director of the work and Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the Elgin church was elected to take up the work until April 1st. Mr. John Nuveen of Chicago, was elected treasurer.

An executive committee was elected to carry on the work until it shall be completed.

The Women's Society, the Home Mission Society and Foreign Mission Societies and all others have agreed to do no soliciting for funds this year.

There will be just one special drive for what funds are needed to carry on the work.

TEMPERANCE

Forty-four states at this time have passed the National Prohibition Amendment. New York and Illinois with their immense city populations being two of them. It required only thirty-six states to ratify it in order for it to become a law, but now eight more than the required number have passed it. Seven years was the allotted time for ratifica-

tion, and forty-four states have ratified it the first year. This is a wonderful lesson on the rapid advance in temperance sentiment in this country.

Prohibition will make this country far less desirable for many of the old toppers of Europe. Immigration of that class of people will be much less than formerly. Prohibition in America will have a great influence on the people of other countries. It will probably not be very many years until Prohibition will prevail throughout the world as well as in America.

CHURCHES

Evangelist A. P. Wren and singer conducted a very successful meeting with the Paris church in January.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield, the pastor, writes: "Our church is lifted to a higher spiritual life and twenty-eight united with the church and forty people united with other churches during the meeting as a result of our revival. Last night the prayer meeting room was almost full and we started a movement to decorate the interior of the church."

Evangelist L. D. Lamkin held a meeting with the Arthur church the latter part of January. The prospect for a successful meeting was quite good at the last report.

Last summer the Ridgewood church at Joliet called James Earl Carwin as pastor. A few months ago he was ordained. The church has made very decided progress in the last few months. Last year they paid \$750 salary for a student pastor. Their present pastor puts two days a week in at a Theological Seminary in Chicago and they pay him \$1,550. The every member canvass for current expenses goes considerably ahead of that. They attempted to raise an old debt of \$750 and when they got through with the

canvass they had \$2,100. They will complete the repairs on their basement and put in a furnace.

Rev. H. C. Smith, who for quite a number of years has been a rural mail carrier and has done successful work in the ministry, has now given up the mail service and become pastor of the Bethel and Literberry churches. This makes him a splendid field and he is doing good work. He recently sent in two clubs for the Bulletin.

On January fifth, Rev. E. C. Shute offered his resignation as pastor of the Chatsworth church where he has been pastor one year. The church asked for one week to consider the matter and then offered to raise his salary \$400 and he accepted the offer and withdrew the resignation. He and his wife are greatly beloved in that church and he is doing very good work.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, pastor of the Baptist church at Taylorville, writes very encouragingly of the work there. They were closed up four weeks on account of the influenza. The pastor seems popular in that town. He has been recently called upon to attend thirty funerals. This was such a draft upon the pastor that he had a nervous breakdown for a short time, but is back to his work again.

Rev. J. G. Little, who has been pastor at Galva for a short time, writes: "They have installed a new coal range and a gas range in the parsonage kitchen, and wired the house, putting in electric light fixtures in place of gas. They say they will build a garage for car in the spring. Have a new Overland. The Sunday School is on an increase."

The Manlius church held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 9th, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 p. m. It was an enthusiastic meeting. The reports show

a most thriving condition. The church had no formal deed to its property and there was a \$400 debt on its lots. Mr. Frank Dabler, from whose farm the property was taken, that day gave them a warranty deed for the property for one dollar consideration. After the liberal gift was enthusiastically received, they at once undertook to raise the \$700 debt on the parsonage and in a little while raised \$400 of it. Rev. J. Brainard Brown is the pastor.

Rev. A. P. Howells in closing his long pastorate at Centralia, writes: "We are having splendid services and great audiences, receiving new members every Sunday. Expect to baptize four next Sunday and two on following Thursday. Received five by letter in past two weeks."

When Mr. Howells left Centralia more than 350 of his friends in and out of the church gave him a reception and presented him and his wife with a handsome Brunswick.

"Lincoln, Ill. The First Baptist is rejoicing over the anticipated return of Rev. Kimball, in France, on leave of absence for duration of war, word having been received that he would sail about April 1st. Rev. J. L. Watson has been substituting for the church during his absence.

Mrs. Beach, Clerk."

Rev. J. W. Merrill, pastor of the church at Carbondale is planning large things. He is at this time planning to raise a special fund of \$8,000, four thousand of which will be used to heat, light remodel, equip and furnish the old parsonage, which will be an annex to the church to be used for its social and Sunday school work.

The other \$4,000 will be offered toward the erection of a Y. M. C. A. or

something similar on condition that the rest of Carbondale decides to co-operate in an adequate building proposition not later than Jan. 1st, 1920.

Rev. R. V. Meigs, pastor of the Central church at Quincy, seems to be encouraged in his work. He says: "I am happy to report that the church and Sunday school are progressing week by week, and that all are co-operating."

The church is supporting a foreign mission church in Burma and is making an effort to raise its full apportionment for missions."

Rev. L. C. Taylor, new pastor at Benson, writes: "The work seems to be starting out fairly well. We have had quite an increase in attendance the last two Sunday evenings. I feel the outlook for future is bright."

The Benson church gave Dr. Haynes \$1,100 for Shurtleff college.

The First Church of Aurora held its annual meeting January 18th. The past year was one of the best in the history of the church. All bills were paid with money in the treasury and the church increased the pastor's salary. Rev. R. H. Claxon, the pastor, has done much outside of his church work. He was chairman of the committee on the united war work campaign for eight counties. They were asked for \$546,000 and raised \$780,000.

The Minonk church subscribed about \$10,000 for Shurtleff college and then immediately made a substantial increase in the pastor's salary. Rev. Norton J. Hilton is the pastor.

The Lexington church is again pastorless. The editor spent Sunday morning, Jan. 26th, with them. They have a good meeting house and good parsonage and there seems to be quite good interest in the church. They are going to make a

strong effort to meet their apportionment, make an every-member canvass, and locate another pastor.

The Editor recently had the privilege of spending a Sunday morning with the Downers Grove church. Rev. J. B. Little became pastor last summer. He is spending three days per week in a Theological Seminary. This church got into a very discouraging condition a year or two ago. Now it is in fine shape. They seem to be having a genuine revival. People are being converted. The pastor has baptisms each month. The Sunday school and prayer meetings are fine. Almost the entire membership seems to be enthusiastic for the advancement of the church and of the Kingdom through the church.

The Editor spent Sunday night in the Aiken Institute. He was impressed with the effort those workers are making. The attendance was not large, but the people all seemed to be very earnest and attentive hearers of the word. That mission has a population of about 60,000 in its immediate community and the institute is working among people, speaking twenty-two different languages.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. Adolph Kelih, our Hungarian missionary at Granite City, seems to be doing good work. He began that mission eight or ten years ago, preached and taught a Bible class for quite a while when he was working in the shops and before he received any assistance. He says. "I feel that the Lord is going to bless us in a special manner very soon and am looking forward to the results in the meetings we hope to have."

Rev. N. T. Hafer has spent about two months in the southern half of Illinois, raising funds for the Hudelson Or-

phanage. He did some State Convention work in that section while thus engaged. On account of the prevalence of influenza he could not do anything by way of holding meetings but has been quite a success raising money for that institution.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk spent some time in raising finances for the Hudelson Orphanage, but had an attack of lumbago, and was compelled to remain at home three weeks. It has been very difficult for our evangelists and missionaries, but our men have kept busy along some lines of work.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. H. Peebles, pastor of the church at Warren, has accepted a call to become pastor of the church at Buda

The church has increased the salary considerably above anything they ever paid before. They will also pay the moving expenses of the pastor and pay for redecorating the church.

Rev. O. E. Moffet, who was formerly pastor at Carlinville and later at Streator, and from that point went to Michigan, where he has been about eight years, and then went into the army as Y. M. C. A. worker and spent some time in France, has returned and located as pastor of the Barry church. The Barry church is a good field but it has been pastorless for about two years.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. W. Harnly resigned his pastorate at Momence a few months ago to do army Y. M. C. A. work. He has now been dismissed and would like to enter the pastorate again. His present address is Lakeland, Fla.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield, pastor of the First Baptist church at Paris, Ill., has been appointed chaplain of the House of

Representatives of the Illinois Assembly. Mr. Greenfield entered upon his duties when the State Legislature reconvened, January 28th.

Rev. W. B. Morris, pastor at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, writes a very encouraging letter concerning his work. In subscribing for the Bulletin he writes: "It is a great pleasure to me to read of the Baptist affairs in the state where I spent thirty years in the ministry and formed so many happy friendships." He says, "The outlook for our work is most promising."

Rev. L. H. Koehler, our new Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. director in Illinois, put in a busy month during January. He spent part of the month in getting located in Bloomington and traveled seven hundred ninety-seven miles and visited seven churches and four Sunday schools. He has been very heartily received wherever he has gone.

Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Decatur, was taken with influenza on December 23rd, and was quite seriously ill. His people sent him south for a vacation and rest as soon as he was able to go and substantially increased his salary.

Dr. Marsh is doing a splendid work in the Decatur church.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JANUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aurora Marion Ave. Church.....	\$ 13.34
Alton First Church	44.12
Advertisement, Old Peoples Home	12.00
Bradford Church	6.00
Big Rock Church	7.15
Bloomington Church	50.00
Chicago, Grace Church	1.77
Chicago, Albany Park Church.....	10.50
Chicago, Windsor Park Church....	2.10
Chicago, Park Side Church.....	8.70
Chicago, First Church	12.12
Chicago, Second Church.....	8.22

Chicago, Austin Church.....	79.34
Chicago, Western Ave. Church....	13.29
Chicago, Harvey Church	2.10
Chicago, Glencoe Union Church..	20.80
Christman Church	1.50
Centralia Church	25.69
Canton Church	9.45
Collected on Mission fields, S. C. Welsh, Bloomfield Assn.....	47.01
Collected on Mission fields, D. O. Hopkins, Bloomfield Assn.	101.72
Collected on Mission fields, H. F. Jones	62.95
Collected in Evangelistic Work, F. M. Dunk	25.00
Downers Grove Church	5.75
Decatur First Church	55.00
Elgin Immanuel Church	6.30
Galesburg First, Mrs. M. J. Lockwood	10.00
Interest	120.00
Jerseyville Church	15.91
Kankakee First Church	10.00
Joliet Eastern Ave. Church.....	13.06
Lincoln Church	9.21
Home Mission Society	136.12
Minonk Church	31.37
Monmouth Church	7.31
Missionary Committee, Peoria Association	69.45
Missionary Committee, Quincy Association	33.71
Missionary Committee, Bloomfield Association	30.00
Murphysboro Church, Laura E. Silvey	5.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Percy Church .....	.89
Peoria First Church	58.50
Postage Refund	4.00
Rockford First Church	13.06
Rockford State Street Church.....	20.63
Troy Churen	4.93
Toulon Church	24.34
Timewell Church, Mrs. Susie Scoggon	10.00
University Church Building.....	443.00
Waukegan Church	20.16
Woodstock Church	1.69
Wilmette Church	7.35
Wheaton Church	2.00
Total	\$1,809.62

"FRANCE'S DEAD 1,327,800;

HURT OVER 3,000,000

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Casualties in the French army, excluding colonial troops, up to Nov. 1, were 4,762,800, according to official figures made public today by the French high commission to correct conflicting reports hitherto published.

Men killed in action or dead of wounds numbered 1,028,000, and to this total must be added 299,000 listed as missing

and given up for lost, making a total of 1,327,800.

The number of wounded was 3,000,000, with 435,000 listed as prisoners. Three-fourths of the wounded have recovered, either entirely or at least to such an extent as to be fit to work again.

Slightly less than 700,000 are absolutely unable to work. The French government estimates that the total number of unfit and pensioned may finally be between 800,000 and 900,000 men.

The losses among the native troops coming from French colonies or protectorates were 42,500 killed or died of wounds, with 15,000 missing and very probably dead. The number pensioned after wounds or illness was 44,000.

The total killed or dead of wounds, missing, and unfit for work is between 5 and 6 per cent of the French population."

"The Billy Sunday meetings in Providence, Rhode Island, resulted as follows: Total number of trail hitters, 10,119; total number of cards signed, 5,828. Reckoning on a percentage basis of the total number of cards signed the following denominations were credited as follows: Baptist, thirty-two per cent; Catholic, six per cent; Christian, two per cent; Christian Scientist, two-tenths per cent; Congregational, twelve per cent; Episcopalian, two per cent; Lutheran, two per cent; Methodist, nineteen per cent; Pentecostal, five-tenths per cent; Presbyterian, four-fifths per cent; Unitarian, one-tenth per cent; Universalist, four-tenths per cent; other churches, 3.1 per cent; no church preference, 7.7 per cent. The trail hitters were from twenty-two states, among them District of Columbia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.—Watchman Examiner."

"A correspondent of The Continent (Presbyterian) thinks that 'Baptists make poor Presbyterians.' He says:

'Frequently I read of a Baptist minister being called to a pastorate of some Presbyterian church, and our presbyteries open their doors, and take such a one in, on letters from his association.

I want to ask, Do the Baptists reciprocate? Do you know of a Baptist church calling a Presbyterian minister for its pastor and the association opening its arms to receive the Presbyterian minister without his being immersed? When we take such men in what result do we expect. Will he baptize infants in that Presbyterian household of faith? No, never; he don't believe in it. Will he teach sprinkling as baptism? Not on your life. Will

he teach and preach immersion? Sure, he believes it. Then has he not captured a Presbyterian church and turned it into a Baptist church, while he is a member of presbytery?"

"Victorious New Year's music is pealing forth this day,
And cordial, happy wishes are in each heart to say;
For we leave the passing year, with its anguish and its pain,
And together all unite in one worshipful refrain.

A grand "Hallelujah Chorus" of courage, true and brave,
With a tear for many dear ones, who gave their lives—to save,
One great harmony of Brotherhood, never sung by tongue or pen,
Christ's message now fulfilling, 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.'

So the New Year lies before us, full of hope and full of cheer,
Great things have been accomplished, 'Over there' and 'Over here.'
America is saying to the world, 'Now BE your best,'
The Standard that we're setting, let US strive for with true zest.

My wish for the New Year is that every Baptist woman may find joyful service, and that she will do her best to live up to the principles of our Christ.

Mrs. W. P. Topping."

We have just received a communication from the Elliott Ave., church in Springfield as follows: "It is now in the midst of a period of prosperity. At the annual meeting a few weeks ago the treasurer's report showed all bills paid and money in the treasury. They are now closing three weeks of meetings in which Pastor Chas. R. Drussel did the preaching. So far between thirty and forty have united with the church. The spirit seems excellent."

Rev. H. H. Ford, formerly pastor of Elliott Ave. church in Springfield is now located in Michigan. He expresses himself as well pleased with his field and regards it one of great opportunities.

The Chenoa church has been pastorless for nearly one year. They have had only a few sermons during that time. They, however, have a good Sunday School well conducted by a lady superintendent who lives in the country, but is very faithful in attending the services. They have now planned to make an every member canvass of the church for finances and will plan to have regular supply work until they can get a pastor located. Some other church within reasonable distance should co-operate with this church in the support of a pastor.

Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D., has been pastor at Normal five weeks, and is getting hold of the work in splendid shape. The congregation, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. are increasing in numbers. His sermons are highly appreciated by the people.

Dr. M. W. Haynes has spent one month on the work of endowing Shurtleff College. He has visited only five churches and they are all in the Bloomington Association. From these five churches he has secured, up to the present time, perhaps \$25,000 or \$30,000. He hopes to complete the campaign in one year and expects to be able to raise a half million in that time. Shurtleff College needs an additional \$500,000 for its work. It ought to have it and the Baptists of Illinois are abundantly able to give it. This is the first time that a great financial campaign for education has been made in this state during the present generation.

MISSIONS

"At Contai, Bengal, a young man, well educated and promising, was baptized recently. He had traveled to many Hindu sacred places, studied the various religions of India, and joined the Brahmo Somaj, but found no food for his hungry heart.

Before a packed church, says Rev. John A. Howard, he told his life story and why he accepted Christ. The people listened over two hours to his experiences. He said, 'I have tried to get peace at the shrines of India's religions but to no avail. In accepting Jesus as Saviour my heart has been filled with satisfying peace.'"

"Mr. Hoover says that food to the value of a billion and a half dollars must be exported to Europe to tide over until the next harvest. The "liberated territories" must be fed first. In most of these there is no regular national government. There are scattered municipalities, but with no credit that can be used in the world's markets. The problem of financing food supplies for the neutrals and the devastated districts of Belgium and France, and for neutral nations, is less difficult, since we have responsible governments to deal with. In the "liberated countries" alone there are 125,000,000 people to be fed. In most cases Mr. Hoover finds that the rural population has food saved sufficient to prevent actual want. The greatest need is in the cities. The United States now has thirty-eight officers traveling through Europe and conducting investigations under Mr. Hoover's direction."

"Surely it was a tribute to the work the Y. M. C. A. has done in China, Japan and other foreign nations that contributions should have been made by those countries to the United War Work Campaign for \$170,500,000. Thus China sent \$1,000,000 Mexican, or \$500,000 American money; Cuba over \$230,000; Japan over \$100,000; Mexico \$100,000; Porto Rico nearly \$100,000. Then, every one of the states exceeded its quota, and the total of \$203,179,000 is a remarkable result, in view of the fact that the week of the drive opened with the delirious celebrations of the armistice. Dr. Mott was amply justified in his statement that it was the largest sum ever provided through voluntary offerings in the history of mankind. Exactly. It was for our boys, and that thought swept all others aside."

KINGS WHO CONTINUE

"Not all the kings of the earth are to go. Albert, of Belgium, is already venerated as the great national hero, and Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, has fought with his people, suffered with his people, and wept with his people. He is secure in their hearts. George, of Great Britain, has shown himself a patriot and an Englishman and his crown is secure. The Queen of Holland, the kings of Denmark, Norway and Sweden seem untouched by the anti-monarchical upheaval. Alfonso, of Spain, appears as secure on his tipsy throne as he ever has been.—Detroit Free Press."

"One month before the armistice was signed the Germans blew up and destroyed twenty-seven of the thirty steel mills in Belgium, in order to cripple the manufacturing and commerce of Belgium after the war. During the war the Germans operated these mills for their own profit. The armistice came so suddenly that they were unable to move many barges which they had loaded with household goods stolen from Belgium cities. Some of these are thus recovered. Germany must be made to suffer as much in the payment of damages as the Belgians suffered from theft.—Journal and Messenger."

JOHN WESLEY

"Make all you can," cried John Wesley in one of his outdoor sermons.

"Amen!" exclaimed a thrifty man.

"In the second place," said Wesley, "save all you can."

Again the man enthusiastically cried "Amen!"

"And in the third place, I say," continued Wesley, "give all you can. Give all you can to every worthy cause."

"There, now," wailed the disappointed man, "he's gone and spoilt it all!"

That man had never learned to be a cheerful giver in his youth. He knew nothing about the happiness which Christ declares comes from giving, as Luke tells us in his book of Acts: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35.)

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Since our last notes in the Bulletin we have met and won the fight with influenza. We had forty-four down with the disease, but lost none. Then scarlet fever broke out and up to present writing, January 30th, there have been nine cases, but all the sick are doing well, and most of them back to normal. Since we have had no new cases in January, we are hopeful that the dread disease is stayed.

The expenses during the epidemics have been exceedingly great. Our policy was to spare no means necessary to give our children the best possible opportunity to win against the disease or escape it. Responses to our special appeals have been frequent and generous and we now hope to be able to meet promptly all bills due to the epidemics.

The hospital feature of our proposed improvements is of prime importance. This has been forced into view by the two epidemics. Since they began we have refused admission to more than twenty children. With proper isolation quarters this would not have been necessary.

The present drive for improvement funds by Dr. Hafer of the State Convention should be made successful by generous response.

"The remarkable response made by the churches of New York State in the campaign conducted by Dr. Myron W. Haynes and his associates for Keuka College and Cook Academy has surprised the most sanguine among us. The campaign will proceed quietly while Dr. Haynes is absent for a few months, and then with his return it will be brought to a rapid and happy completion."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The New Year dawned upon the children of the Home with a smile, and throughout the month of January our large family has enjoyed exuberant health.

The snow in the fore part of the month added to the children's joy. Sleds were in evidence everywhere, and though we are minus the hills to slide down, yet the boys found pleasure in pushing and pulling the sleds.

However, the good times simply added to the matron's and helpers' responsibility. Clothes and shoes wore out faster, and even the food supply was taxed the more by the aid of fresh air and exercise.

The influenza conditions in Chicago and in the state, affected our financial response. In fact, there has been very little coming in from the churches and individuals the last three months. And but for the personal solicitation of the Superintendent, together with donations, we would have been on the rocks by this time. I call the attention of our friends that have sustaining pledges to the fact that payment of their pledges will help us materially at this time.

There is a greater demand than ever for charity work. We have now more than thirty applications for admittance that we cannot accommodate at present. We are crowded to our utmost capacity. There are fifty-four children in the public school and four in high school. Three of our girls graduated from the grammar school last night, making seven in high school now.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Friends of Mrs. Minnie Church, chairman of the Reading Contest committee, are extending to her their hearty congratulations. On January 1st, she was married to Mr. J. G. Oberholser, a gentleman active in the South Baptist Church of Belvidere, and highly regarded for his integrity and activity in all lines which tend to help mankind. Those who have met Mrs. Oberholser have learned to love and esteem her for ability and worth. They have gone south for a few weeks. Those who wish to write to her concerning the Reading Contest will direct as before, only changing the name. Her house address is unchanged.

Congratulations are also extended but for a different reason, to another worker who has been very active and of great value to Mission work in the state, but with congratulations will go the regrets of all that we are to lose her services from the state. Miss Gladys Topping, as State W. W. G. Director, under the W. A. B. H. Society, was recently greatly surprised to be offered the position of World Fellowship Secretary for the northeastern district by the Young Woman's Christian Association. The district includes the New England states, New York and New Jersey. It is a new department of the Association in this country, and there will be many problems to solve and difficulties to overcome which are always a part of a new undertaking. Her headquarters are in New

York. Our hearty good wishes go with her in her enlarged opportunities as well as greater responsibilities.

Miss Alice Brimson, W. W. G. State Secretary under the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society has for a number of years done splendid work in several lines of missionary endeavor. She also has resigned to go into another line of religious work not yet fully decided upon. Her power of organization and charming enthusiasm will be greatly missed by our W. W. G. girls. The positions held by Miss Brimson and Miss Topping have been consolidated and Miss Mildred Bush of Peoria, has been appointed to the joint position which will be W. W. G. Secretary, Director for Illinois under both Home and Foreign Societies. This seems very appropriate, as the W. W. G. organization is a union one. Miss Bush brings to the work enthusiasm and courage to overcome all little obstacles which may arise, and we gladly welcome her. The state objective for the W. W. G. girls for the year ending March 31, 1919, has been reached—180 Guilds for Illinois.

The President of Ottawa Association, Mrs. J. H. Pierce of Princeton, has arranged and sent to her secretaries a unique souvenir which she calls a "Lunch Box." It is especially adapted to introduce the Reading Contest as various articles of food are given a literary interpretation.

Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence

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REACHING THE GOAL

Our denomination for the first time in all its history is approaching its missionary task as one great undertaking. We are doing what the Allies did in the desperation of a threatened defeat—we have unified our forces under a single command. Just as Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and all the Allies placed themselves under the supreme command of Marshal Foch and changed four years of unavailing carnage into speedy victory, so both our Foreign Mission Societies, both Home Mission Societies, the Publication Society and all our objects of beneficence in the Northern Baptist Convention have placed themselves under the direction of the Laymen's Committee of the Convention, not as last year for the raising of an extra million, but for the raising of the whole regular budget of the Convention for the present year ending March 31st.

The sum total is Six Million Dollars, a big sounding sum, but it is less than the combined sums which have been voted by the Northern Baptist Convention, including the Morehouse Memorial for the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund. Literature is available for all of the churches, and has been received by most of them, explaining just what objects and amounts are provided for in this sum. Not all of this sum is to be asked directly from the churches as such, but the greater part is to be sought from individuals by private solicitation and in larger sums than those ordinarily given through the weekly church offerings.

Still another part of this Six Million is to be received through the income from invested funds and through legacies, an amount which can be estimated with fair accuracy. The only part which the churches are asked, as churches, to raise as their apportionment and this amounts to a little less than one-third of the whole, i. e., *not quite two millions of dollars*. And this apportionment has much of it already been raised through the regular offerings of the church. If we were only giving the full quota for each quarter within the quarter itself we should have by this time three-fourths of the full apportionment already raised.

As it is the task before our churches now is the making sure that by the end of the fiscal year, March 31st, our full apportionments will be raised. These apportionments are about 25% larger than last year owing to the effect of war and in accordance with the increase called for by the Five Year Program. But these apportionments were decided nearly a year ago to be absolutely necessary and were unanimously voted by the Northern Baptist Convention last May. The Laymen's Committee will look after the raising of the remainder of the Six Millions by bringing it individually before those who are able to give the larger sums; but *the one thing asked of the churches is to make sure of their apportionments*.

Augustine S. Carman,
Secretary.

Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence, 19
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Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work

Louis H. Koehler, 2006 E. Jackson St., Bloomington, Director

The best news for our workers for this number of the "Bulletin" is to know what took place at the January Conference of the department, held in Bloomington on the 23rd. Our efficient secretary, Mr. N. J. Hilton, has kindly given me some items from his minutes and the following will give a fair idea of the business transacted.

Present: Rev. H. W. Hines, Owen Scott, Rev. N. J. Hilton, of the Department, State Director Rev. L. H. Koehler, Dr. James A. White, Secretary of B. Y. P. U. A., Rev. Albert Gage, S. S. Director of Chicago Association, President, Geo. M. Potter of Shurtleff College, Rev. C. C. Long of Urbana, H. O. Stone, Superintendent of Bloomington Sunday School.

Chairman Hines opened the session by outlining the place and program of the department. Especial emphasis was placed upon the function of the Bible schools by Director Koehler. Secretary White outlined the objective of the B. Y. P. U. A.

Mr. Hines was desirous that the department should create a denominational consciousness and make a permanent place for itself in the life of our schools and societies. The very small schools as well as the large, must come to see and feel that we have a common standard and that the department is back of them to help them attain real religious education in their field of service. Religious education means in part that each local church should adopt and carry out a united and adequate program which in-

cludes a presentation of the facts and the person of Jesus to all whom it can reach; a personal acceptance of the Christ; the incorporation of the teachings of Jesus in the developing life resulting in Christ-like character and service.

Secretary White's program included the plea for trained leaders and he stated that there should be two thousand volunteers in our colleges and high schools. Among the objectives were a million tithers, a million members of the quiet hour, and one thousand taking the trained leaders' course.

The department considered the need of a state office and looks forward to the time when such an office will be a fact and not a theory. The department expects to function through committees, the state director, institutes, assemblies, Ministers Conferences, correspondence, printed matter and other means and methods.

The question of an elementary worker was discussed and it was decided that the director should look over the field and recommend some one for this office. A committee consisting of Rev. H. W. Hines and Rev. C. C. Long was appointed to report on Summer Assembly. It was voted that no assembly be held this summer, but that the department plan for one in 1920. A committee consisting of Chairman Hines and Directors Gage and Koehler were appointed to formulate the program and objective of the department and to issue the same in pamphlet form.

Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois

Two glimpses in the beautiful big assembly room of the Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial Building:

(1) The simple but tasteful decorations indicate Christmas eve. Above the great fire place, set in the brick, on a bronze tablet, these words, "God setteth the solitary in families." Our Home Family is gathered with presents for each other and from friends outside to give and receive Christmas cheer. They are doing the entertaining themselves tonight; a song, a poem, a story and all joining in the Christ-story hymns. That is their beloved matron, Mrs. Crippen—that Mrs. Hamilton the first matron of the home. That is Deacon Halsey with the guitar, Deacon Bryan is missing—has not been able to come down since October. I wish you might meet them all and feel the kindly spirit manifested by each in the other's happiness.

(2) January 30, the same room, the sunshine pouring in through the west windows—the same group of people, others too, old friends of the home and its members are there. Beautiful flowers, sweet songs of rest and hope and two caskets—one with the earthly form of Deacon Joseph Bryan—the other that of Mrs. A. C. Hamilton. The dear ones whom they loved and who were so kind to them in their last days have put the last kind dainty touches, our silver-haired Judson B. Thomas has paid the last tribute to their Christian lives and service—the sun is sinking and the caskets are borne away and their spirits return to God who gave them.

Is it worth while? Please remember we
need your help in this ministry

Shurtleff Endowment Campaign

The Shurtleff Campaign commenced Jan. 5, with the Minonk Church. President Potter was there to "push the button" and see the wheels start. The Minonk church responded nobly. On the field of Minonk and Benson \$10,000 was raised. Benson, under Pastor Taylor, raised \$1,100 and Minonk did the rest.

Pontiac, El Paso and Bloomington were next visited. The canvass at Bloomington is not complete at this writing. However, on Jan. 31 Dr. Haynes had in hand \$26,000, or \$1,000 a day for the time he had worked. If only this pace can be kept up—if only the other churches will respond with the same spirit as the churches named above, even if not with like amounts, then this campaign will be a stupendous success. Surely the Baptists of Illinois will not fail to raise a half million for Shurtleff. If 45,000 Baptists of Iowa can raise a million for their college, and if one Conference of Methodists in Illinois can raise a half million for their school, it ought to be a very simple task for the great Baptist body of Illinois to raise a half million.

We hope every Baptist in the state will realize that this task is HIS task. The State Convention has endorsed this movement, and all churches and members are committed to this movement so far as we can be committed to any movement. Let us therefore rise as one man and finish this task in 1919.

If any one wishes to encourage this movement, write to Dr. Myron W. Haynes at Upper Alton, and ask him about the details of the plan.

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Every Member Canvass

"Let every one of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week, as God hath prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2.

The question of church finances is one of the serious questions for every church, and it seems to be the cause of many churches declining in work and ceasing to exist. The question of finances should not be a serious one anywhere. In every community where there is a Baptist church that ought to exist, there are financial resources sufficient to carry on the work there in an effective way. A small amount of money will be sufficient to carry on the work as effectively in some communities as a large sum in others. Money is not the primary object but only a means to an end. It is the Almighty power of God that must carry on the work and he can work with small sums as well as great ones, but in order for God to greatly bless the work, means must be conserved and placed at his disposal. According to this passage in Corinthians every member of the church should lay by him in store fifty-two times a year. That means the women as well as the men, the children as well as the adults and the poor as well as the rich, and yet very, very many of our church members do not

give at all, or but seldom, to the Lord's work, and larger numbers do not give every week.

The writer occasionally visits churches that have been pastorless a year or more. Some of the members are well to do and each and all could do something. In many such cases the treasury is empty. They can scarcely raise money enough to pay the expense of a candidate for the pastorate. Why? Because practically the whole church have been using 10/10 of their income for their own use or are hoarding it up. They do not seem to realize that at least 1/10 of their gross income belongs to the Lord. If some such churches that have been pastorless one or two years and think they can only raise \$1000 salary had been following the plan of "laying up on the first day of the week as God had prospered them, they would have had one or two thousand dollars in their treasury for the Lord's use. January, the beginning of the calendar year is a good time to make the Every Member Canvass. No Christian man or woman, boy or girl should use all his income, however small, for selfish purposes.

If any member of the church is too poor to give one cent a week or even a nickel, he should have assistance

from the church. Almost any young person that wants to make some money for the Lord's cause can give one dime a week. Persons who make money should give some definite portion of their gross income and most persons should give at least 1/10. But there is a great difference among tithers. If a person is drawing a salary he can easily lay aside 1/10 and pay all his expenses out of the 9/10, such as house rent, butter, eggs, and vegetables and clothes, but how about the person who lives in his own house, raises his own vegetables, chickens, keeps one or more cows and pays nothing for milk and butter, how can he tithe his income? It can be easily done if a person is conscientious about it and desires to give a tithe to the Lord, but very few do it. If the Lord should get his tithe from the Baptists of Illinois and get it every week, there would be no lack of money anywhere for pastoral support, for missions at home and abroad and for education, philanthropy and all kinds of religious and benevolent work. Every preacher should preach it and keep at it until there is an Every Member Canvass that reaches every member, and where there is no pastor the officials of the church should take this up, and every person should be urged to give as near 1/10 of his income as possible. Let all our churches come up to the Every Member Canvass and let every member become a tither.

DANVILLE DISTRICT

The churches of Danville and vicinity are resuming their regular services after a period of influenza epidemic intermission.

The First church was closed for six weeks, and had seventy-two cases of in-

fluenza, but only two deaths, both young people under twenty. But the church is at work again and last Sunday, February 2, over one hundred remained to the Lord's Supper and three new members were received. Dr. Krumreig is now half-way into his sixth year as pastor of this church. The church will celebrate her ninetyeth anniversary on the 12th of April, being organized April 12, 1829.

Calvary church is sustaining a good interest under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Roark, but owing to his residence being in Chrisman, twenty-two miles away, he cannot give the church much pastoral care. But regular services are sustained.

Rev. George W. Woolsey, ministers to both Western Avenue and Union. He has held a series of meetings in each of the churches and added some to the churches. Under his leadership the churches are growing both in number and efficiency.

The church at Hillery is under the care of Mr. Edward Shaw, a licentiate of the First church. The church held a series of meetings with good results. On February 2 was Rally Ray, with three well attended services. At the afternoon service which was a community service, Dr. Krumreig of the First church, was the speaker.

The church at Grape Creek is under the pastoral care of Mr. Buford Honn, a licentiate of Western Avenue church. But Brother Honn, with many other ministers, has been in bed with the influenza and is just able to resume his work. But the Grape Creek people hold things together and are pleased with the services of Brother Honn.

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THE great Victory Campaign is now
on in its full strength. Illinois
should not fall behind other states.

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SIX million dollars should be in the
minds of all the Baptists of the
Northern Baptist Convention during
March and the great financial drive
during ten days in April, beginning
April sixth.

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LET special attention be given by
the pastors and churches during
March to raise the full apportionment
for all purposes. One-half the State
Convention apportionment should be
paid in by March 31st. All others
should be raised in full.

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REV. George H. Yule of Chicago,
has been elected as a State Con-
vention Evangelist and Missionary.
After he resigned his church at Hum-
boldt Park, about two or three years
ago, he gave himself mostly to evangel-
istic work, but during the past few
months he has been employed by the
Anti-Saloon League. He has been
very successful in that line of work.

BROTHER Yule will perhaps give
four months' work in the Bloom-
field Association. He will not only
hold revival meetings but will do much
toward getting churches upon a safe
and efficient basis. In many cases two
Baptist churches should combine in the
support of one pastor, and give him a
living salary.

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WHERE two churches combine in
the support of a pastor, it is gen-
erally conceded that the church where
he lives should furnish the parsonage
or pay the house rent, but it should be
clearly understood that he should give
half-time in pastoral work as well as
in preaching on the field where he does
not live.

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ONE cause of unpopularity in half-
time work has been caused by the
preachers more than anything else.
Many pastors will take a church for
half time and expect them to pay half
his salary except house rent, and then
just simply supply the church. Get on
the field as late as possible Saturday
night or even Sunday morning, and
will leave Sunday night or early Mon-
day morning and will not be seen again
on that field for two weeks.

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THERE should be a clear under-
standing with the pastor when he
is called, and if he refuses to do any
reasonable amount of pastoral work, he
should be dismissed the first three
months. The time has now come for
vigorous work, both on the part of
churches and pastors. We have been
playing at church work long enough.
Now is the time to do things.

EVERY indication is that new spiritual life and energy is taking hold of many of our churches. The membership seems to be waking up. There is a great blessing such as has not been experienced for centuries for the pastors and churches that will undertake great things now for the Lord and the Kingdom.

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THERE has, perhaps, not been a time for centuries when so many religious organizations will die, and cease to exist, as will take place within the next five or ten years, if they attempt to move along in the same way and at the same rate as they have within the last ten years. We do not have enough preachers, of just the type the people want. Our churches must work with older men, and with some of limited education, or many churches will be without preaching.

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THE Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of the Illinois Baptist State Convention and all the five departments of the State Convention will be held with the First Baptist church in Peoria, Thursday, April 10th. Dr. Hazen and his church will give a hearty welcome to all the brethren who come. Arrangements will be made for the members of the Board and the departments to eat evening dinner together. The church will provide night lodging for any who will remain over Thursday night.

THE \$6,000,000 CAMPAIGN

The six million dollars means all the money to be raised this year in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention for beneficence. This does not include money being raised for college

endowments, such as the effort to raise \$1,000,000 in Iowa and \$500,000 in Illinois for Shurtleff College and it does not include the money raised for missionary work in the large cities; but it does include all the apportionments, and after all the money apportioned to the churches is raised, and money that comes in from invested funds and other ways has been received, there will be about three and one-quarter millions of money to be received from special gifts. Money has been received in this way in former years but it was secured by many organizations soliciting, but nothing is being asked by the Home and Foreign Mission Secretaries nor by the Women's Societies, but all have committed this work to the Laymen's Organization to secure it in one big sum. Persons of means, instead of being solicited a half dozen times by that many societies will be solicited once for one offering for the united budget. The Laymen have been greatly delayed in starting on this work in Illinois. In the February Bulletin we stated that Rev. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin had been elected Director, but he declined the office. Now Dr. T. L. Ketman has been selected and he is busy in the work. Some efficient help will be furnished from New York. The first thing that the pastors are requested to do is to raise the entire apportionment. Then, not the churches as such, but every individual who can give over and above the apportionments for beneficence is requested to do so. There are many who can give large sums and in these critical and trying times for the world they are urged to do so, and those who can give smaller sums, should be willing to do it for the great cause. It has been agreed that 10% of all that is raised in Illinois above the appor-

tionments shall be devoted to work in the state, 6% for the State Convention, 3% for the City Missions in Chicago and 1% for the Swedish Conference if they are willing to enter into the canvass. If the Swedes do not go in, 7% will be given to the State Convention. If an over plus of \$250,000 can be raised, \$25,000 of it will be used inside the state. If \$100,000 is raised, \$10,000 will go for work in the state and in the city. We hope all our people will help liberally in this great missionary movement.

Since the above was written a letter written by Dr. Haggard, February 24, states, "The special drive for individual over and above gifts will occur April 6-16. This period should also be uniform for all states and sections.

"The time for payment of personal gifts is extended from March 31st to April 30th. Please note, however, that apportionments should still be made up by the earlier date.

"A committee of one or more should be ready in each church to make the necessary canvass. The point has been reached in the campaign when everyone should begin to work 'over against his own house.' "

TRAVELS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Re-dedication

Rev. Arthur E. Myer has been pastor of the La Salle church about four years. Since his location on that field the basement of the church has been greatly improved and the auditorium completely made new. On Sunday, February 16th, the church held the opening service, the Editor of the Bulletin preaching the re-dedication sermon in the morning and Superintendent F. L. Anderson of Chicago, preaching the

sermon at night. About all the church needs now to make it one of the finest buildings in that part of the state is an outside finish, either stucco or veneering. The improvements on the church property including the parsonage during the past five or six years have been \$16,000 and it has all been paid except about \$3,000. Quite recently they increased the pastor's salary \$300. The Editor had the privilege of teaching a class of thirty-one men in the Sunday School, preceding the re-dedication service. On Sunday night we went from La Salle to East Moline and preached in our Mission church in that city. Rev. J. M. Osborne and his assistant pastor, Rev. George B. Wilbur are doing fine work in East Moline, Silvis and Watertown. The East Moline church now has a fine meeting house and is keeping up its payments and interest in good shape. The Silvis church is making good progress. They have had an indebtedness ever since the church was built on account of money borrowed from the Home Mission Society. They have made regular payments for the past two years and now propose to pay off the balance within a few months.

The Editor recently spent a Sunday with the Chenoa church. That church has been pastorless for about one year and they have had but few services during that time. The people brought their dinners and all remained for the noon meal in the basement of the church. The Sunday School was very good and well attended. The speaker talked to them with regard to local church work, re-organization, etc., until noon, then dismissed for dinner and the people reassembled at two o'clock and an afternoon service was held. The church voted unanimously to make an

every member canvass and a committee was appointed for that work. The church has a good meeting house and good parsonage and they are abundantly able to have a pastor for one-half time..

We recently spent a Sunday morning and part of the afternoon with the Sycamore church. This church has a splendid meeting house and a good parsonage, but they have been pastorless for about six months. The Superintendent proposed plans by which the church might be able to locate a pastor and a committee was appointed to make an effort to work out these plans. It is hoped that a good pastor may soon be located on that field.

February 23rd was spent in the Belden Ave. church, Chicago. Dr. Samuel Skevington has been pastor there for eight years. The church is in fine condition and the Sunday School and morning congregation were very good. Sunday night was spent at Ridgewood, Joliet, where we found everything in an enthusiastic and encouraged condition. The old debts of the church have all been paid and the improvements in the basement partially completed and sufficient money subscribed to put the property in good condition. Rev. Jesse Earl Carwin is the pastor. He is a good leader of the choir and his wife sang two beautiful solos. The Ridgewood people are now talking of building a parsonage in the near future.

The Bradford church of which Rev. W. E. Andereck has been pastor for about three years, is doing nice work. The church is much stronger than it was when he went there. Everybody seems to speak well of the pastor.

The Superintendent drove nine miles over a very rough road to Osceola for

the purpose of joining the pastor for a trip to a country church conservation meeting. He was asked to speak for the Osceola people, and, notwithstanding bad roads and a dark night we had a good congregation and an attentive audience. Pastor Allen and his people are planning to erect a first class church building this coming summer.

Monday morning at six o'clock a team came for us and drove us over an exceedingly rough road ten miles to Kewanee and there we took an inter-urban to Galva and there exchanged to the Rock Island road and there caught a street car for East Moline and a Ford was awaiting us and two other men and took us fifteen miles to Port Byron and there a team met us and took us six miles to Bethel church. There the afternoon and night meetings were held. Pastor J. Brainard Brown of Manlius gave a talk on soil and Rev. B. E. Allen talked on the building up of the Rural Church. A discussion followed.

Dinner was served in the basement, and at eight o'clock Superintendent Brand gave a short address on developing the rural local church, followed by a fine address by Professor Bromley of the Baptist College in China. The Bethel church male quartet gave several fine selections. Rev. M. Bryan of Indiana, gave a short address. Rev. W. A. Dickman is the pastor, and did everything in his power to make the meeting a success. This team, Allen, Brown and Bromley will hold five other rallies at different points this week. We hope this is but the beginning of a larger work of this kind throughout the State. The Rural Church Rallies are under the direction of the Laymen's Movement of the Northern Baptist Convention.

CHURCHES

One of the members of the First Baptist church of Cairo writes, "We have our new pastor, Dr. William P. Pearce settled and he is making an earnest effort to get things going."

"The work in the Taylorville church is progressing beautifully. The attendance in every department of the church increases every Sunday. Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Mission Circle and the preaching services are all improving nicely. Our evening attendance is the best for years, the largest in the city. Our collections are fine and the whole church is taking on a new spirit. The mid-year meeting of the Springfield Association Mission Circle was held here yesterday. About forty out of town delegates were present."

Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Assumption church, writes a very encouraging letter concerning the work on that field. He says, "I have good reasons to write in the optimistic vein. We are making progress. Our Sunday School has increased fifty per cent. We have a B. Y. P. U. only five weeks old and have had as many as fifty-one present at one time. The outlook is fine. There is good fellowship among the members."

Rev. G. W. Stoddard, pastor of the East Park Baptist church, Decatur, writes very encouragingly concerning the work on that field. One of the Decatur papers publishes the following item:

"Rev. G. W. Stoddard, pastor of the East Park Baptist church, was able to announce to a large congregation last night that the \$2,800 debt had not only been raised, but oversubscribed by \$300, making a total of \$3,130.50 given during the campaign. The work of

this church is increasing steadily under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Stoddard. Much credit is given to the official board who were so active in the recent money raising campaign."

Rev. O. E. Moffett of Barry, writes, "I have just returned from Michigan where I have been to see about my household goods and expect them here soon. Also have accepted the call of the church here and have begun on my work."

A letter from the New Berlin church in the Springfield Association has the following sentence: "There is strong talk here now of purchasing a parsonage. If this deal goes through it will alleviate matters for the pastor mightily."

The Olivet church in Chicago, colored, of which Rev. L. K. Williams, D.D., is pastor, makes a fine financial report for last year. They report the total amount of money received including \$15,512.50 donated by the White Baptists as \$64,978.08. They report disbursements \$58,698.27 and cash on hand January 1, 1919, \$6,280.81. This church possibly added to its membership last year not far from 2,000 new members.

Dr. M. W. Twing assisted Pastor John H. Martin for twelve days in meetings in Greenville. The pastor carried on the meetings for five days after Dr. Twing left. Nine were added to the church, seven by letter and two by baptism.

Rev. J. W. Allen, pastor of the Edinburg church held a meeting which resulted in twelve additions to the church, eleven of them by baptism. The church was greatly strengthened by this meeting.

Notwithstanding the prevalence of influenza, Rev. J. H. Bruggink is having splendid success in his two fields at Forest City and Kilbourne. Both churches have given the pastor an increase in salary and they gave him one month's vacation last summer. At Forest City two members have been baptized and others are waiting the ordinance of baptism. The pastor says: "We are very happy in our work and we are looking to God for great things during our second year's work. We have a splendid people on both fields and we are working harmoniously together for the extension of Christ's Kingdom."

Rev. J. Livingston Duff, pastor of the Rozetta church writes: "Everything is doing fine just now and as the roads get better we look for a larger attendance at all our services. The outlook is good for this year and we hope to have one of our best years."

A member of the White Hall church writes that they are still looking for a pastor and are willing and able to pay a living salary. The writer says: "Our parsonage is in good condition, nearly all paid for and as soon as prices of material, work, etc., come down, I believe we are ready to proceed with building or rebuilding the church. Rev. John A. Simpson left the church in good condition and I think we never had a minister in the community who was more respected as a thorough good Christian gentleman." Brother Simpson left White Hall and accepted the pastorate of the Dixon church.

Rev. R. V. Meigs, pastor of the Central church, Quincy, writes: "Three husbands and wives united with our church last Sunday. There were three hundred thirty-four present in the Sunday School. March is missionary

pressure month. Just made a volunteer call for War Savings Stamps last Sunday and there was deposited on the table \$1,180 for new building."

Items From Roodhouse

All the work at high tide. People most loyal in the support of the pastor in all his work.

Offerings for church work during the past three months have been the largest in the present pastorate. We will meet the entire budget for missions by March 31. Sent \$64.00 to the Armenian Relief Fund.

Attendance at all church services of the Lord's Day is good. The Sunday school has gone beyond the two hundred fifty mark in attendance. The B. Y. P. U. is a live wire.

I am most happy in the work here.

R. A. Rapson, Pastor.

PERSONALS

Evangelist L. D. Lamkin is at this time holding a meeting with the First Baptist church at Benton. During the first two weeks of the meeting about one hundred persons made a profession and eighty-four united with the church. The whole congregation voted to ask the evangelist to remain for a third week which he consented to do. Rev. J. L. Meads is the pastor.

Rev. J. W. Harnly who was for quite a number of years pastor in Illinois and resigned the Momench church last year to go into Y. M. C. A. work in the army, is now ready to locate in the pastorate again. After the armistice was signed there was no special call for him to cross the water. He is now visiting with his brother in Lakeland, Florida, and is willing to correspond with some churches that desire a pastor. Brother Harnly was three years

pastor at Alpha and six years at Roseville. He did good work last year at Momence.

It is reported that the Cambridge church which has been pastorless for a few months, has called Rev. J. Johnson of Chillicothe to become its pastor. We have not yet learned whether or not Brother Johnson has accepted the call. If he has it will leave three churches in the Peoria Association without a pastor. (Later: He has accepted.)

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS

Rev. T. O. McMinn, Missionary for the Southern Association in Illinois, has been doing a fine work after having been delayed two months by influenza. At this time he is holding a meeting at Carterville and at the last report there had been fifteen conversions and fifteen additions to the church. The evangelist says: "The meetings will prove a great blessing to the church and will add strength to their working force."

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a two weeks' meeting at the Marseilles church. The meeting is reported as good and nine persons made a profession of faith. Perhaps all or nearly all of these will unite with the church. Rev. George R. Wood of Ottawa, is our missionary pastor at that place.

Rev. V. Colbert, our missionary in the Alton Association, writes: "Both Unity church, East St. Louis, and North Venice, are promising now. The finances are coming along better than ever before. I am putting pressure upon them to help themselves and they

are responding beautifully. We have the debts at Unity in easy shape, reduced to about \$200."

Rev. L. C. Taylor, pastor at Benson, writes a very encouraging letter concerning that field. They attempted to increase their financial budget for home expenses for the coming year \$300. He says: "In a very short time the budget was oversubscribed and with a few subscriptions from those not present we now have more than \$300 above our original budget." Before this increase in their home subscriptions this little church gave about \$1100 for the Shurtleff College endowment."

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our University church pastor, writes: "I enclose my report for the month of February. It has been the best month of a hard year and the spirit splendid. We had our Communion service last Sunday, one hundred two communing and eight being received by letter. We are making every effort to have all our Missionary apportionments met by April first, including a special \$38.00 for the State Convention."

Some of the pastorless self-supporting full time churches in Illinois outside of Chicago are as follows: McLeansboro, Mt. Vernon First, Centralia First, Belleville First, Girard, Kane, Carrollton, White Hall, Ashland Chrisman, Tuscola, Clayton, Macomb, Toulon, Cambridge, Atlanta, Pekin, Hudson, Lexington, Graymont, Tiskilwa, Thomson, Damascus, Paw Paw, Sycamore and perhaps some others. There are a considerable number of other one-half time churches that are pastorless.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Judson MacIntosh has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Sterling church and began his work February 1st. A member of the church writes: "There seems to be new interest and enthusiasm in all the organizations of the church and the pastor and people feel much encouraged."

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., who has been pastor of the Carrollton church for seven years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church in Belvidere. Dr. Mundell is a good preacher, a good singer and a good pastor. His wife is a faithful helper in his church work and we anticipate a successful time for them on the Belvidere field.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway who has been pastor at Kane for several years and has done very successful work there, has offered his resignation to take effect the 31st of March. He has accepted a call to become pastor of the Mendota church. He says: "We are putting on the Victory Campaign and I shall be here through that effort. The church is in splendid condition for another man to step in and do a good work. They are a hearty and loyal people, responsive and have shown us every kindness."

Rev. Jesse H. Wells who has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Mt. Vernon for seven years, has offered his resignation and will spend some time in the Rocky Mountain States hoping to find some climate that will benefit his hearing. He has been afflicted to some extent with deafness for several years. From a long report printed in the Mt. Vernon paper we take the following: "The church

has prospered spiritually and otherwise in his administration, and extensive alterations and improvements have been made to the church property since he settled in the work here. Mrs. Wells is recognized as one of the most efficient musical instructors in Mt. Vernon and will relinquish a large class when she departs to take up her work in the Mayfield High School."

The Bo's d'Arc church in the Springfield Association has called Rev. B. F. Oldham as its pastor for one-half time. The pastor says: "We had a great and good day there Sunday, February 2nd, all day meeting with dinner in the basement of the beautiful new church. We called it Community Day. Prospects were never brighter for this church than now."

Rev. Cyrus W. Webb of Mediapolis, Iowa, has recently been called to become pastor of the Wood River church in the Alton Association. The Wood River church was organized by one of our State Convention missionaries three years ago last summer and now has a good tabernacle and pays four-fifths of the pastor's salary for full time. Brother Webb recently held a meeting of a few weeks at that place and at the close of the meeting they called him as pastor. He is well known in Illinois, having been out of the state only about two years.

"The American Bible Society says that the carrying of Bibles by millions of allied soldiers has revived interest in the book among the peoples of Europe. Up to December 31, 7,000,000 copies of the New Testament had been distributed among the fighting forces, and the demand for Bibles has increased from all parts of the world."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church	\$ 4.50
Arcola Church	4.50
Aurora, Claim St. Church.....	11.69
Aurora, Park Place Church.....	25.00
Aurora, Marion Ave. Church.....	5.37
American Baptist Home Mission Society	58.33
Belvidere, South Church.....	8.00
Belvidere, First Church.....	21.92
Bradford Church	5.25
Bulletin Subscriptions	111.44
Berwyn Church	50.00
Chicago, Memorial Church.....	36.50
Chicago, Second Church	30.40
Chicago, Morgan Park Church.....	52.49
Chicago, Normal Park Church.....	9.44
Champaign, University Church.....	2.25
Chrisman Church	2.85
DeKalb, First Church.....	6.45
Elgin, First Church	45.79
Galesburg Church	37.50
Graymont Church	25.69
Harvey Church	9.94
Interest Fund	1,610.00
Joliet, Eastern Ave. Church.....	10.31
Kewanee, First Church.....	16.65
Lexington Church	2.35
LaSalle Church	14.00
Marengo Church	17.17
Missionary Committee of Bloomfield Assn.	25.00
Normal Church	10.88
Normal, Maria I. Wilson	5.00
Oak Park, First Church.....	40.00
Plano Church	4.00
Pleasant Plains Church.....	1.92
Percy Church .....	.89
Pekin Church	11.21
Stillman Valley Church	20.62
Streator, First Church	16.00
Superintendent Supply	5.30
Troy Church .....	.29
University Church Fund.....	229.00
Warren Church .....	.85
Woodstock Church	3.62
Waukegan Church	10.00
Total	\$2,619.36

We have just learned that Rev. M. H. Day has resigned the pastorate of the State Street church, Rockford, and has accepted the position of the American representative of the Canton Christian College in China. Brother Day is just completing six years of successful service at Rockford.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Another month has rolled by with but little change in the Home. Some children have gone out but new ones have taken their places. Our large family is enjoying good health, though we have had a few cases of mumps and colds. However, even these have been able to take their meals and to romp and play.

Three boys and two girls have left us permanently. The boys sent to an institution adapted to their age and condition; the girls to private homes, one to the home of a family who desire to be foster father and mother. The other, an orphan, because of her age, after graduating from grammar school, determined to look after herself. The superintendent found her a splendid home and engaged her at a fair salary. Already the parties are deeply interested in her and consider her one of the family. Her twin sister also graduates from grammar school this June and hopes to do for herself.

One of our boys placed on a farm at Graymont last April has returned to us because the party with whom he worked changed their location. We desire to engage him with some other responsible family as he has passed our age limit.

Since our last notes in the Bulletin, twelve of our largest boys and eight of our girls made a public profession of their faith and were baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church of Maywood.

CHURCH STATISTICS OF A DECADE

Preliminary statistics for a decade, covering 1906-1916, have been issued by the Census Department at Washington. The tabulator is Victor Q. Masters, Superintendent of Publicity, Baptist Home Missions, and his report shows the percentage of increase of the leading denominations. We take this table from The Presbyterian (Philadelphia):

	1906	1916	Increase
Baptists	5,662,000	7,263,000	28 %
Methodists	5,749,000	7,165,000	24.8
Disciples	982,000	1,231,000	25
Lutherans	2,112,000	2,463,000	12
Episcopalians	886,000	1,098,000	24
Presbyterians	1,830,000	2,257,000	23.3
Congregationalists	700,000	790,000	12.8
Roman Catholics	14,210,000	15,742,000	10.8

The following table shows the communicants plus the adherents:

	Members	Other Adherents	Approximate Population
Baptists	7,236,000	14,572,000	22,000,000
Methodists	7,165,000	14,330,000	22,000,000
Presbyterians	2,257,000	4,514,000	7,000,000
Lutherans	2,463,000	4,926,000	8,000,000
Disciples	1,231,000	2,462,000	4,000,000
Episcopalians	1,092,000	2,196,000	3,000,000
Other Bodies	4,849,000	9,698,000	15,000,000

Total outside of Roman Catholics	81,000,000
Roman Catholics	15,700,000
	None
	15,700,000

The Presbyterian takes these figures as a basis for disputing the claim that the Catholics contributed forty per cent of the Army. It draws some other conclusions:

This table also reveals the unfairness of the ratio of chaplains assigned in the recent war. These figures of this last census should go far to correct these errors in the Government and in the press, and restore a better equilibrium of justice. The table also in part indicates that the more liberal churches have not made so good a growth as those more evangelical. It also shows that those churches which are most discontented with their present organizations are not so attractive."—Literary Digest.

B. Y. P. U. OF AMERICA CONVENTION

The 28th Anniversary Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America which is a fraternal union for all Baptist Young People's Organizations, will be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 3-6, 1919.

The sessions of the Convention will be held in the famous Third Baptist Church while the Hotel Statler will be Convention Headquarters.

The following speakers and conference leaders have been secured:

Drs. J. W. Hoag, W. J. McGlothlin, F. H. Adams, C. A. Brooks, P. H. J. Lerrigo, C. B. Althoff, H. P. Whidlon, S. Z. Batten, J. F. Love, Thomas

Wearing, E. LeRoy Dakin, W. E. Raffety, W. H. Geistweit; Messrs. L. P. Leavell, W. F. Reynolds, H. W. Hines, H. B. Osgood and Misses Nellie Prescott and Ina Shaw.

" 'Just today we chanced to meet,
Down upon the busy street,
And I wondered whence he came,
What was once his nation's name.
So I asked him, "Tell me true,
Are you Pole, or Russia Jew,
English, Irish, German, Prussian,
French, Italian, Scotch, or Russian,
Belgian, Spanish, Swiss, Moravian,
Dutch, or Greek, or Scandinavian?"

" 'Thus he gave me his reply
As he raised his head on high:
"What I was is naught to me,
In this land of liberty,
In my soul, as man to man,
I am just American!"' "

Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work

Louis H. Koehler, 2006 E. Jackson St., Bloomington, Director

WHAT DID YOUR SOCIETY Do?—From the pastor of the Mattoon church we learn that a large delegation of the B. Y. P. U. went out to the Old Folks' Home on Christmas afternoon and gave a splendid program for the residents there. It was a spiritual service and deeply appreciated. Its effect upon the society was immediately noted.

A service at the Ottawa County infirmary was conducted by some of the members of the Ottawa B. Y. P. U. last month. This service of love was held in both women and men's wards and was gratefully received. Are there many more societies in the state doing this kind of work? If your society is not, is not this suggestive?

WANTED! More classes like the Young Married People's Class in Ottawa, who, under the leadership of their teacher have caught the vision that an organized class is organized for service as well as study. This class has made a survey of the irregulars among the children and youth of the school and has planned to make regular visits to their homes. The purpose is to enlist the active interest and co-operation of the parents especially, and thus win back to steady attendance all whom it may influence. A card system is in use and the class is going at the job in a business fashion. There will be a rich harvest from this work without doubt and it ought to incite other classes to do likewise.

A TRAINING CLASS POSSIBILITY—Do you think it is impossible to have

a teacher training class in your school? Then read this news item. In the Monmouth school a class of girls, seventeen years of age and over, is taught by the wife of the superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Leader. As happens in so many classes of this kind, there were many calls for substitute teachers. This led the teacher to plan to meet the need and since it seemed impossible to have the class meet during the week for special study, the teacher met the girls in the class room at the opening hour of the school and while the devotional services were being conducted used that twenty minutes for the special lesson. This was followed by the regular lesson for the next thirty minutes. By this method the class has finished the first two parts of the First Year New Standard Teacher Training Course and are ready for the third part. Eight of the pupils ranked high in the test on the second examination. The owl says, "where there is a will there is a way." Be wise.

Do IT Now!—If your school or society has not filled out the report blank sent to all superintendents and presidents, *do it now*. Surely we want to present the best report possible to the Northern Baptist Convention, but that depends upon the officers above named. If you, dear reader, have the least doubt that this may have been untended to, will you kindly get back of this and put it across. The school blanks should be in not later than the middle of the month. *Do it now*.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

ATTENTION

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the State Mission Society will be held on Friday, April 18, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., at the Training School, 2969 Vernon Ave. The morning will be given to business. In the afternoon Mrs. W. P. Topping will tell of her trip to the stations in Porto Rico and Mrs. Oberholser of her visit to those in the southern states.

The Central District of the W. A. B. F. M. Society holds its annual meeting in Detroit, April 23-24. Plan to attend if you can possibly arrange to do so.

All money for the National Societies must be sent to the treasuries by March 31. Because of war conditions the demands for funds for other objects have been so great during the year that there is great anxiety lest the books shall be close with a deficit. Was there ever a year when larger thank offerings should be given for the many blessings? All money on apportionment should be sent to Dr. A. S. Carman, 19 S. La-Salle street, Chicago. Money for designated or special gifts to Mrs. C. H. Otis, 5431 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago; for the W. A. B. F. M. S. and to Mrs. Washington Laycock, 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago, for the W. A. B. H. M. Society.

Read These Encouraging Reports

From Aurora—"The mid-year meeting of the Aurora Association was held January 9 in the Marion Ave. church. It was well attended and we had a good day together. The reports of the secretaries and from the circles were good. Miss Broadstone and Miss Hudson were our speakers and all enjoyed them very much. Miss Hudson followed this meeting with an itinerary in our association and delighted everyone who heard her.

In our church the leader of the Reading Contest had a "Little Afternoon" at her home. Gave a nice little program and refreshments, taking a silver offering which enabled her to get all the books together with the ones taken by individuals, so they are being circulated and being read with a relish I am glad to see."

From Rock Island—"I think we are to get the children lined up systematically, Jewels, Heralds, Crusaders. It may not come out all fine, but I trust so."

From Belvidere—"The South church under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Reed, are very much interested in the Reading Contest. On January 11 over one hundred books had been read."

From Cairo comes this request for information: "This year our society

feels that it wants to do more than it has done before in a missionary way, but we are undecided yet what it shall be, etc. etc." Isn't this a fine incentive to others?

From Bourbon—A mission circle has recently been organized under the leadership of Miss Lillian Jones.

LAYMEN'S MOTTO

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

Since the laymen of our denomination have undertaken the task of urging churches and individuals to consecrate their wealth towards Kingdom enterprises, these words of the Apostle have brought a wealth of suggestions. As some signs in our cities can be seen from long distances on account of electric illumination, so are these words, compelling attention as they are seen on our missionary literature.

This great motto may mean either man's love for Christ, or Christ's love for man. It would be an appropriate one whether we consider it objectively or subjectively. The context, however, favors Christ's love for man or Christ's own love for us. This should be the prime motive power in our six million dollar campaign. Man's love for Christ is not to be underestimated. The victory will be culminated when both of these loves are fused together. Gifts of love will need the two motives to close our year in a jubilee.

"Constraineth" is a suggestive word. It means to hem in, coop up, narrow down, impel. A river is hemmed in by its banks and gains force. The love of Christ shuts in a man so completely, so

that he can not scatter his energies upon the trivial and insignificant. He is cooped up from selfish distribution of his strength. He is contracted to the temporal so as to be enlarged to the eternal. The love of Christ impels us to serve him, with our time, effort, money, life. It is out of a heart-flowing love, and not merely the sense of duty and pride, that the apportionments should be met, and the added amounts laid upon the altars of Kingdom extension.

D. O. Hopkins.

"In an interview regarding the activities of the Russian Bolsheviks, President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, who recently returned from Persia, said: 'They are spending millions to spread their doctrines throughout Europe, and, I strongly suspect, in the United States as well. They have no more use for the republic of the United States than they have for any other government. They are as much opposed to labor unions as they are to governments. The movement seems to be one in which all foes of government have joined forces, and I can not see anything in it that looks like human progress. The whole movement is nihilism and anarchy behind a camouflage of socialism. We gathered our impressions from so many sources that I am convinced of their truth.'"

"Up to the time of the signing of the armistice more than 400,000 negro soldiers had been inducted into the military service of the United States, and more than 130,000 had been sent overseas and had played a conspicuous part in the achievements of the American Expeditionary Forces. And not only the American, but the African negroes, contributed patriotically to the fight for world-wide democracy. The French African colonies had sent about 700,000 soldiers and 300,000 workers into this struggle. These, together with the British negro subjects and the contingent of negro troops from America, made a total of more than 2,000,000 soldiers of African descent who had offered their lives in the cause of freedom and justice for all peoples."

Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois

We believe Illinois Baptists desire to carry out the carefully thought-out plans of the State Convention Board in doing the Master's work, but we are not so sure, judging from financial returns, all are aware of the relation between our Old People's Home and the State Convention. We quote from the agreement entered into by them April, 1910:

... "The State Convention in consideration of these promises hereby agrees to place the Home in the Budget annually for a sum commensurate with the needs and dignity of the work (\$5000 this year) and in every way possible to further the interests of said Home, . . . in order that the facilities of the Home may be enlarged to such an extent and maintained in such a manner as to adequately care for persons applying to it for membership."

We are thankful for the generous help given by some of our churches, but as less than one-fifth of the amount apportioned for the Care of the Aged has come to the Home from the churches, we earnestly ask other churches and individuals to remember that we are looking to you for this support.

The earlier part of the year emphasis was necessarily placed upon the various forms of war work, and later, also necessarily, upon our larger denominational interests, but remember please, *Apportionments are not met until we have done our part by Our Aged*. Send a contribution for the Baptist Old People's Home at Maywood.

MRS. A. W. RUNYAN, *Field Sec.*

March 1st, 1919.

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Ten days for a great victory in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention. It has been hoped that the pastors and churches would make a strong effort to raise the complete apportionments of the churches on or before March 31st. Many churches are not only raising the entire apportionment, but some of their wealthier members are giving large sums over and above to help save the world in these critical times. We have never seen just such times as these. Taking the world as a whole, history has never recorded just such times as we are passing through now. Christianity is being tested as never before. The gospel is the hope of the world, and things are going at such a rush that we cannot wait five or ten years to see how it will come out. Not only are there trying times in Europe and Asia, but in our country Christianity and democracy are being tested and the trial will be more severe as time passes. Our people made a great effort to save our civilization from militarism and autocracy. We gave our boys by the millions and our money by the billions and we won. Now can we save the world from anarchy, Bolshevism and infidelity? We can if we make as strong an effort as we did to save and extend democracy. The expense of all

kinds of mission work at home and abroad has almost doubled within the past four years. We must double our offerings if we but little more than keep up with the work that we were doing; but the whole world has opened up for missionary work as never before and the needs in many nations are without parallel. We believe that there was a strong effort to raise the missionary apportionment in Illinois before the end of the missionary year, March 31.

The past year has been a wonderful time for making money, and the outlook is equally good for the coming summer, but the high prices in America are caused largely by the intense suffering of many millions of people in other countries. Are these times when Christian people can afford to accumulate much money; especially those who have considerable capital? Can they enjoy it now? In the campaign from April 6-16 we hope well-to-do people in Illinois will consider well the claims of God upon them. That will be the time especially for large gifts. How many men and women among the Baptists of Illinois can make a donation of at least \$5,000? A considerable number, and some perhaps should do more and not be at a heavy sacrifice. A large number could afford to give \$1,000 and

many, many more \$500 and when it comes down to \$100 almost all people with fairly good business or with a fairly good farm could afford that in these times. Smaller gifts will be accepted thankfully. We hope the drive for ten days in April will be eminently successful in Illinois.

Dr. Ketman in Chicago, and his helpers are doing well with the campaign. It seems to us that it is just now much wiser for our Christian people to try to save our civilization and our Christianity than to save money. Our children and grandchildren can get along all right if we leave them a good civilization even if we do not leave them much money. But if we leave them millions of money and broken down civilization their lives will be wretched. Give now and give loyally for the cause of Christ.

BAPTISTS AND PRESBYTERIANS

What is the difference between Baptists and Presbyterians on the subject of Baptism? Recently the writer was in a meeting at a Baptist church where the other pastors of the town were present. They were each requested to speak for a short time. The Disciples pastor talked upon the question of Union, the subject this denomination always talks about, but are never ready to do unless they get some people to unite with them. The United Presbyterian pastor said that the Presbyterians and Baptists were pretty close together except upon the subject of baptism, and that we differed upon that subject only upon the form of baptism. Now that brother seemed to be a good and sincere man. He no doubt thought that what he said was true and yet he was talking wholly from the Presbyterian and not from the Baptist viewpoint. He no doubt thinks that the Baptists have the same viewpoint on bap-

tism that the Presbyterians have. That brother's doctrinal position is as follows: He meets a Baptist brother who has been immersed in water upon a profession of faith. He looks upon him as having been properly baptized in one way and he would receive him into the fellowship of his church upon his baptism. He himself had been sprinkled in infancy. Now his Baptist brother does not look upon him as having been baptized at all and would not receive him into a Baptist church without baptizing him. In the view of Baptists sprinkling, pouring and infant christening is not baptism at all. With the Baptists there is but one form of baptism and that is according to the meaning of baptizo, to immerse, to plunge, to submerge and the person immersed must be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. All pedit baptists agree on baptism. They all recognize anything that is administered in the name of baptism as valid; and whether the party is an unconscious infant or an unregenerate adult. They all recognize Baptist baptism, and many of them feel very hard toward the Baptists because we do not regard them in the same light

ANNIVERSARY

The Hoopeston church held its 47th Anniversary, March 6th. There were forenoon, afternoon and night sessions with a supper served in the church. The meetings were interesting and the church as a whole took quite an interest in the services. Dr. E. L. Krumreig of Danville, and the Editor of The Bulletin, and the pastor gave addresses at night. The pastor, J. R. Very, Ph.D., took that field two years ago when it was in a very critical condition. He has had splendid success and the church is now in good condition.

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THE success of the great Victory Campaign now on, and the triumph of Christianity in these trying times of the world must depend upon our conception of what Christianity is.

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VERY many people who call themselves Christians, or who have been reared under the shadow of some church and with a Bible in their homes seem almost as ignorant of Christianity as if born and brought up in a heathen land.

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THE first essential in true Christianity is a faith in the Bible as the word of God. Whatever theories or conception of inspiration we may hold, we must believe that somehow the Bible is a God-given book that is different and more valuable than any other book or set of books ever written.

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THERE must be faith in Jesus Christ as the son of God, born of a Virgin and begotten of the Holy Ghost. The Virgin birth is in perfect harmony with every conception of the deity of Christ.

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NO one can believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and doubt the miracles. The whole recorded life of Jesus from his conception and birth to his resurrection and ascension is connected with miracles. Either Jesus wrought miracles and miracles were wrought upon him or the whole record concerning Him is false.

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THE atonement accomplished by Jesus Christ is a vital part of Christianity. He did not die merely as a martyr. No one can, perhaps, fully understand or explain the atonement, but somehow, some way, Jesus Christ made atonement; suffered for, instead of, the sinner who trusts in him.

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THE last great miracle, the Resurrection, is a vital part of Christianity. Had the Resurrection not taken place, Christianity would not be in existence today. Not only the predictions of Jesus himself, and the closing records of the four gospels, but about every page of the later New Testament writing emphasizes the Resurrection of Christ.

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FINALLY we, as Baptists, hold that if we believe these things concerning Jesus Christ and the revelation of the New Testament we cannot ignore his example and his commands. Christian Baptism is so vitally connected with Christ and His command and the practice and teachings of his apostles that we cannot ignore it nor surrender it without being disloyal to him.

PERSONALS

Evangelist L. D. Lamkin at this writing is holding a meeting with the First Baptist church of Lexington, Kentucky. He is having large congregations and a good prospect for a successful meeting. Any one desiring to correspond with him with reference to meetings in Illinois can address him at Cairo, Illinois.

We have just received the following card from F. L. Enslow, pastor last year at Clayton, Illinois, "Liverpool, England, March 3, 1919. Am in ocean transport service for the 'Y.' Armistice kept me from France. Am en route to France for troops. Yours, F. L. Enslow."

Rev. L. D. Lamkin held a three-weeks' meeting with the First Baptist church of Benton. On the day before the last meeting he wrote as follows: "Many nights the people could not get seats or standing room and so had to go away. We cannot tell the exact number who have been forward as no special record seems to have been kept of it, but as near as we can get at it there have been about one hundred forty, but we know definitely the number that have come into the church, one hundred two so far, and we have the closing service yet tonight."

Rev. E. K. Masterson, pastor of the Normal church and Secretary of the State Convention, went to France last June in Y. M. C. A. work. Just before the armistice was signed he was sent to Greece, to take charge of Y. M. C. A. work there in connection with one other man. On January 20 one of the managers in France wrote him a letter from which we make the following quotation, "We have heard the finest kind of reports from every one who has been out there and seen the work you have been doing. I hope between now and next spring you will be able to arrange your

affairs so that you can stay for a longer period. We hope you men who are out there will stick to it as long as possible."

CHURCHES

Rev. Herbert H. Smith, who has been pastor of the church at Woodstock for about six years, offered his resignation some time ago to the church. They took the matter up and voted to give the pastor a two-months vacation and unanimously requested him to continue as pastor of that church. It has been many years since the Woodstock church seemed to be in better condition than at the present time. We are glad Brother Smith will remain on that field.

The clerk of the Arcola church writes, "The Arcola church is backing up the Victory Campaign in good shape. There has been several hundred dollars pledged and there will be more cash and pledges coming in, in a few days. The second year of Rev. Mr. Ellison's pastorate drawing almost to a close the church met and unanimously voted to call him again for another year. The church also voted an increase of \$100 on pastor's salary for next year. The church is better organized now than ever before and apparently most all the people have a mind to work together for the advancement of the cause."

Nearly one hundred members of the Taylorville church invaded the parsonage some time ago and brought with them for their pastor, J. H. Bagwill and his family sugar, beans, sausage, lard, canned fruits, eight dozen eggs, a new rug, two rocking chairs and many valuable things too numerous to mention. They took possession of the home and appreciative speeches and good music were enjoyed.

Rev. J. W. Patterson, pastor of the Nokomis church says, "Will have bap-

tismal service on Easter. We are greatly in need of room to accommodate the people of the Sunday School and church. A substantial fund is being accumulated to be used for enlarging and equipping the building. Have been emphasizing the Victory Campaign the last few weeks."

Rev. Henry G. Smith, pastor of the Berwick church writes as follows: "Week before last our church raised \$1,500 over and above the apportionment for the Victory Campaign. Three men, Rev. A. C. Hageman, Rev. J. L. Bryan and Rev. H. R. Waldo came on the field with us for three days and helped to make this victory possible. With this sum raised and with our large apportionment for the year completed, the church at Berwick enters the list of churches that give more for benevolence than it does for its own current expenses."

The Lincoln church has gotten along very nicely during the past six months with Rev. J. L. Watson of Sullivan as a regular supply. One of the members of the church writes, "During the week ending March 15th, the First Baptist church of Lincoln through earnest work under the direction of Brother E. C. Shepler, raised the amount necessary to pay off the debt of \$4,500 which was carried since the building period of 1910 and a celebration supper will be held April 4th, at which time the mortgage will be burned. Our pastor, Rev. G. W. Kimball returned from overseas and will take up his work here the middle of April."

A member of the LaMoille church writes as follows, "The LaMoille church has taken on new life since Brother Gordanier has been on the field and especially of late. There is treble the attendance in prayer meeting there has been for

years. The B. Y. P. U. is doing excellent work and the attendance fills the room to the doors. The series of sermons the pastor has been giving through March on patriotism and applying them to the Christian life has created much interest and has made marked improvement in attendance and bringing many from outside the church.

Rev. W. H. Parker, pastor of the Antioch church in the Rock Island Association writes, "We had one rural welfare community meeting and while not as well attended as we hoped for, it was a splendid success and we hope to receive much benefit from it in days to come. I trust this plan may become a part of our regular work and extend into every country community."

Rev. Henry G. Smith of the Berwick church writes concerning the Rural Conference on that field. He says, "One Day Workers' Conference was held with the Berwick church yesterday. All the people of the church are wonderfully pleased with the meeting and are anxious that it will be the beginning of many of the same kind. Brown, Bromley and Allen are a good combination."

Rev. H. T. Abbott, pastor at Murphysboro seems to be having good success. The attendance at prayer meeting is from one hundred to two hundred people. They are planning to put \$10,000 improvement on the church building to accommodate the Sunday School, which now numbers from three hundred seventy-five to four hundred pupils.

The First Baptist church of Alton, where Dr. M. W. Twing has been pastor for twenty-three years, has increased his salary \$300.

The College Avenue Church, Upper Alton, of which Rev. David T. Magill is pastor, recently increased his salary \$150.

The Carlinville church of which Rev. O. W. Shields is pastor, is in fine condition. On the first Sunday in March he received twenty into the church, eight for baptism and twelve by letter. The Sunday School has an attendance of about one hundred fifteen and the B. Y. P. U. averages about twenty-five with an enrollment of forty.

The Central Church of Quincy, of which Rev. R. V. Meigs is pastor, is moving along nicely. The two congregations and Sunday Schools have combined and are using the Vermont Street house. The pastor is now conducting inter-denominational services in the Old First Church building. They are planning to build a \$70,000 or \$80,000 meeting house. March 23rd there were three hundred ninety-eight present in the Sunday School. They have a fine intermediate department of B. Y. P. U.

The Clinton church has been pastorless for nineteen months and the pastor was sick so that they have had almost no preaching for nearly two years and yet it is surprising how the church has been getting along without a pastor. Last year they raised about \$1,000 to pay all the street paving obligations and other debts. They now have nearly \$500 more secured to finish paying off the indebtedness and to fresco the church. The Sunday school averaged 104 through the month of February and sometimes has present 110 or 115. The primary department has forty-five with three good teachers. They are hoping to locate a pastor as soon as they finish up their indebtedness and fresco the building.

The Shelbyville church has been greatly disappointed in locating a pastor. They have called two men within recent months and in both cases were turned down after they had felt confident they

could secure them. They have purchased a good parsonage in a fine location and put it in splendid repair. They hope to secure a man soon. The Sunday school is in splendid condition. The Editor visited them March 30th and taught a young people's class with thirty-two present.

ROCKFORD

A Negro Baptist church is rapidly growing in the city of Rockford. There are now about one hundred Negro Baptists in the city and they are needing a meeting house very much.

The city of Rockford is making a marvelous growth. They claim to now have at least eighty thousand inhabitants. The Old First Church of which Rev. G. A. Sheets is pastor is very much encouraged. They are now worshiping with the Disciple Church. They have the finest lots in the city of Rockford for a church building. One of the residences on the lots can be retained for a dwelling house. The lots are worth \$15,000 and are paid for. The church has \$40,000 in cash toward a building. They have the plans all complete and will start this spring the building enterprise. They will perhaps erect a \$70,000 building. The Editor spent Sunday morning, March 23rd, with the First Church and Sunday night with the State Street church. Pastor M. H. Day, after five years of successful work, has resigned to take up the American Agency of an undenominational school in Canton, China. He leaves the church in splendid condition and they hope to locate a pastor soon.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS

Rev. Ernest N. Cox, pastor of the Gilman church, has received twenty

members into the church since December 20th. December 19th he baptized twelve in the presence of a congregation of about one hundred people. He is also pastor of the Bourbon church where he received three members about the first of March.

Rev. F. T. Klotzsche, pastor of the Baptist church at Andalusia, has led his people in repairing the meeting house to the extent of more than \$600. He says, "Now if we had new seats it would make our little church nice and comfortable to worship in." Brother Klotzsche did much of the work in repairing the meeting house himself. He says, "The brethren seem to appreciate what I have been doing."

Our Hungarian missionary at Granite City, seems to be getting along quite well but under difficult conditions. Some people who are anxious to unite with the church are persecuted in their own homes and sometimes prevented from attending the church yet our missionary pastor, Rev. Adolph Kelih is holding on to the church. They expect to dedicate the church bell soon and hold a series of meetings.

Rev. A. D. Rinnier, our missionary pastor at Erie, is getting along quite well with his work. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and this is his first pastorate. He seems to have good congregations and is getting hold of the young people quite well. The Sunday School and Young People's organizations are making good improvement.

Rev. V. Colbert, our missionary in the Alton Association, writes, "Brother Webb of Wood River, is to help us a few days at Unity church, East St. Louis, begin-

ning the 7th of March. We are trying to wake the laity of our Association and are finding quite a favorable response. We will have several group meetings over the field in the near future."

Evangelist F. M. Dunk held a meeting for a little more than two weeks with the Lexington church, which has been pastorless for some time. Hon. A. J. Scrogin writes a very strong letter commending the work of Brother Dunk. Bad roads and the prevalence of influenza was very much against the meetings and yet the people appreciated them very much. There were a few additions to the church.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk is at this time engaged in meetings at Auburn in the Springfield Association.

Evangelist T. O. McMiner, our missionary in the Southern Illinois Association, recently closed a meeting at Cartersville. The evangelist writes, "The results were very satisfactory, forty-two additions to the church. There are a number of others who will come into the church soon. The pastor, Brother Wright and his people are very much encouraged."

The East Moline, Watertown and Silvis Churches of which Rev. J. M. Osborne and Rev. George B. Wilbur have charge, as pastor and associate pastor, are doing well. Silvis recently raised \$300 on its debt and is now planning to pay it all off. East Moline is paying its interest and notes as they come due. East Moline has had twenty-two additions recently and the other two churches are increasing in numbers. All three prayer meetings are fine and Sunday Schools good.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR MARCH

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in The Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Advertisement....\$	10.00
American Baptist Home Mission Society (S. E. F.).....	69.46
Alton, First Church	30.18
Arcola Church	4.20
Bulletin Subscriptions	107.51
Baptist Old People's Home—Advertisement	12.00
Big Rock Church	5.19
Bloomington Church	52.00
Chicago, Windsor Park Church....	7.76
Chicago, Galilee Church	8.95
Chicago, Second Church	100.32
Chicago, LaSalle Ave. Church.....	4.20
Chicago, Englewood Church	2.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church.....	20.70
Chicago, West Pullman Hungarian Church	15.00
Chicago, Normal Park Church....	8.92
*Champaign, University Church..	27.00
Cornell Church	8.25
Chrisman Church	2.35
Champaign, First Church	16.50
Cedar Creek Church	5.70
DeKalb, First Church	9.02
Damascus Church	2.38
Evangelistic Collections, F. M. Dunk	110.32
Evanston, Second Church (colored)	3.00
Fairbury Church	4.81
*Griggsville Church	36.00
Galesburg Church	25.50
Interest	1,030.00
Joliet, First Church	15.67
Kemper Church	17.05
Lexington Church	2.95
LaSalle Church	3.00
Missionary Committee of Bloomfield Assn.	25.00
Mattoon, Central Church	9.56
Oglesby Church	9.26
Percy Church .....	.89
*Peoria, First Church	58.50
Perry Church	2.58
Rents, Andalusia Farm Rent.....	37.50
Rebate on expense by Laymen's Organization	13.92
Rockford, First Church.....	11.54
Rockford, State Street Church....	20.63
Reynolds Church	8.00
Shurtleff College	8.00
Sheridan, Mrs. R. E. Bagw'il.....	15.00
Superintendent Supply	20.00
Sycamore Church .....	.89
Troy Church	2.61
University	5.00
*Wasco Church	3.00
*White's Grove Church	8.00
Woodstock Church	2.35
Total	\$2,037.80

THE VICTORY CAMPAIGN POSTER

One of the finest religious posters we have ever seen, is the one recently sent to our churches by the Baptist Laymen. It was designed by Lee A. Wagner. Look at it. Reflect upon its significance. It is rich in color and spiritual suggestions. A friend who believes in the victorious ending of the campaign paid for a full page in the advertising section of the Literary Digest of March 8th, in order that the larger public might see the artist's meaning.

The prancing steed reminds us of John's visions of the white horse going forth "conquering and to conquer." The Christian crusader is riding through the Black Forest, which is suggestive of the dense darkness in which the world still lies. Around the opening in the forest, the castle is in sight towards which the rider is hastening his horse. This hints that victory is not far away. We are going around the corner. Every dollar contributed now is a spur towards the castle.

"By this sign we conquer" were the words that gave hope to Constantine. There is danger in every financial campaign to lose sight of the spiritual development of the giver. The Victory Poster is not unmindful of this fact. The emblem of the cross fitly decorates both rider and steed. The sign of the cross is upon the bridle and reins. The spiritual must control the speed and direction of the campaign. Upon the helmet and sword of the rider are also the cross emblem. If we are to meet opposition the spirit with which we meet it must be the spirit of the cross. Upon a high pole, almost vying with the trees of the forest, is the Christian flag waving in the breeze. Spiritual victory is felt in the air. The

cross must be lifted high. It will not be Victory if this sign fails to conquer. In the olden days the crusaders tried to make Palestine a Holy Land by attempting to deliver it from the Saracens. This campaign endeavors to make every land holy. Then, across the poster is the now familiar motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Never was a time before when Illinois Baptists should feel the import of these words. The love of Christ makes the victory imperative. The next three weeks should be a spiritual uplift to every church in our state. Our poster should carry its spiritual message to every Baptist in Illinois, that the Victory is dependent upon him.

D. O. Hopkins.

NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Northern Baptist Convention will meet in the Coliseum in Denver, Colorado, Wednesday, May 21. This will not be a very long distance for Illinois people to travel in attending the Convention. We hope that many will attend.

Very many churches can show their appreciation of their pastor by furnishing him with money to pay his expenses to the Convention. Many Women's Societies should arrange for their pastor's wife to go. A pastor and his wife will do better work throughout the whole year by attending this meeting.

The Denver Committee of arrangement has opened an office at 1700 Stout street, Denver, in the Albany Hotel Building and all correspondence should be done through this committee.

Rev. George E. Burlingame, D.D., so well known in Illinois, is in charge of the News Service Bureau.

STATE MISSIONARY RESIGNS

Rev. N. T. Hafer, S. T. D., of Princeton, Illinois, has been a State Convention Missionary and Evangelist for about five and one-half years. When Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, who served the Convention eleven years, accepted the Superintendency of the Maywood Children's Home, Mr. Hafer was elected in his place. During the prevalence of the influenza in the fall and early winter when it was almost impossible to hold meetings we sent Dr. Hafer into southern Illinois to raise money for the Hudelson Orphanage. He succeeded so well, got so interested in the work, and the Institution expressed so much interest in him that they recently elected him as Superintendent of that Home and he has accepted and will begin work April 1st.

Rev. A. C. Kelly who has had charge of that institution from almost the beginning, offered his resignation some time ago, but did not give up the work until Dr. Hafer was elected for his place. Mr. Hafer seems especially adapted for that kind of work. His wife will act as matron, he as Superintendent, and his oldest son, who has given considerable attention to first-class farming will work on the farm.

While we regret exceedingly to give up Brother Hafer as a State Convention Missionary, we are glad indeed, that he can be held in Illinois and take such an important position as the Superintendency of the Southern Orphanage.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Clara Saxton Bolles, wife of Deacon H. H. Bolles, of Danville, died March 15th at Lakeview hospital. Her husband was very sick at the same time and could not be present at the funeral.

She was one of the most active and influential members of the First Baptist church of that city.

Rev. Orvill Clark Kirkham was born at Glenn Falls, New York, January 21, 1837, and died at Tiskilwa, Illinois, March 10, 1919, being a little more than eighty-two years of age. In 1860 he married Miss Sarah Agan of Hoosick, New York, who still survives him. He secured a liberal college and theological education. When he was sixty-seven years of age he became pastor of the Tiskilwa church and continued that work successfully for fifteen years or till a few months before his death. Even down to the age of more than four score years his church and the community appreciated his ministry very much.

Dr. Reuben E. Manning, after a long illness, died March 11th at his home in Chicago. Dr. Manning was for many years Superintendent of City Missions in Chicago, and after that pastor of the Garfield Park Church. He was noted for his kindly spirit, his devotion to the work and his spirit of beneficence. He seemed always ready to give financial help to every good cause as well as his time. The funeral was held from Garfield Park Church. Addresses were made by Dr. E. W. Lounsbury and Dr. J. B. Thomas, men who as Home and Foreign Secretaries were associated with him in office life when he was City Missionary. His wife survives him.

Mr. George H. Shorney, one of the most prominent Baptist laymen in Chicago died at his home in Oak Park, Sunday March 23rd. He died of pneumonia. Brother Shorney was a middle aged man. For several years, about fifteen years ago he was President of the Illinois B. Y. P. U. He gave himself without reserve to the work of the Master.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. P. H. Blunt of Snicarte has accepted a call to become pastor of the Havana church.

Rev. J. B. Martin who has been pastor at Kinderhook about five years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Petersburg church. He will begin his work April 1st. Brother Martin is a good man and Petersburg is a field with great possibilities.

Rev. W. A. Dalton, the successful pastor of the Deer Creek church, has offered his resignation and will close his work the last Sunday in April. He goes to the Calvary church at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Rev. W. A. Steinkraus, after having been pastor at Tremont for about six months, closed his work and has accepted a church in the state of Wyoming. This makes ten churches in the Bloomington Association that are pastorless. Eight of these churches are self-supporting, seven of them have good parsonage buildings, and each one of them is at an important position for work.

A few months ago Rev. H. R. Waldo, pastor at Macomb, accepted a call from the Laymen's Organization to engage in work in raising funds on the \$6,000,000 drive. Since he closed his work at Macomb the church has located Rev. M. L. Westrate as pastor. He comes from Pawnee City, Nebraska, and is reported to be starting in well with his work at Macomb.

B. Y. P. U. OF AMERICA CONVENTION

The 28th Anniversary Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, will be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 3-6, 1919. The convention sessions will be held in the Third Baptist church. Hotel Statler will be hotel headquarters.

Reconstruction will be the keynote of the Convention. Conferences of the very highest order will be conducted on vital problems in young people's work. The platform work by representatives of the great denominational interests will be especially attractive. The following speakers and conference leaders have accepted places on the program: Drs. J. W. Hoag, J. F. Love, P. H. J. Lerrigo, S. Z. Batten, C. A. Brooks, Thos. Wearing, F. H. Adams, W. J. McGlothlin, H. P. Whiddon, E. L. Dakin, W. H. Geistweit, C. A. McAlpine; Revs. H. W. Hines, J. W. Merrill, C. B. Althoff; Messrs. H. B. Osgood, O. O. Montague, W. F. Reynolds, L. P. Leavell, F. H. Leavell, H. N. Geistweit; Misses Ina Shaw and Nellie Prescott. For information write to James Asa White, General Secretary, 125 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

OVERLAND AND OVERSEAS

Is a neat little booklet published by the National Committee of Northern Baptist Laymen, 200 Fifth Ave., New York. This book is a most remarkable review of missionary work of the world. There is material in it for all kinds of missionary meetings. It is full of all kinds of cuts, giving good pictures of all classes of people and all kinds of buildings bearing upon missionary work. It gives sketches of missionary and educational work in all lands, in both Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. One writer has said, "Nothing finer has ever been produced, for bringing home to the understanding and the heart of our people the things to be seen and learned in the fields where our missionaries are working, whether at home or abroad; whether on the frontiers of our own country or among the islands of the sea, every

branch of our denominational work is represented."

Mrs. John A. Howard of Contai, Bengal, Orissa, India, writes October 1st, 1918. She says, "The hottest season for twenty-one years has just passed over India. For variety we have had two earthquakes and a terrible epidemic of a kind of influenza which is called war fever or trench fever. Just a few days ago eighty-two of our children in the Bhimpore school were in bed at one time. My heart goes out to the poor native people many of whom lie uncared for without medicine or proper food. Our furlough is due in six months and we feel very sorry to think there will be no one to take our place. We work among the government high school boys. There are about six hundred sixty of them altogether. We have given them a series of stereopticon lectures on the life of Christ. We go to the high and the low, the rich and the poor and tell them all the same story. In some places we are eagerly received and asked to return."

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

This campaign will take place April 21-May 10. This is not for the church, but for the government. It is not a solicitation for gifts or donation, but for a first class investment. Liberty Bonds bear a good rate of interest and they are not taxable and they help the government in the expensive time of returning from a war to a peace basis.

The Normal church of which Dr. D. O. Hopk'ns is pastor, is making fine progress. The missionary apportionment was \$597.00 and the pastor raised about \$650.00. The congregations are continually increasing, and the prayer meetings are very interesting.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
 Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The month of March is almost gone and bright sunshine and balmy breezes are coming. The robin is here greeting us with his cheery song. The boys are playing with marbles and the girls with skipping ropes and jack stones. Signs of spring everywhere filling our hearts with hope and cheer, and we breathe a prayer of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and care through the winter months.

During the month one of our workers, Mrs. Anna M. King, has left us for rest, and possibly change of work. Her place has not yet been filled.

The Superintendent has been with a brother pastor for two weeks helping in a special meeting and the matron and her helpers are keeping "The Home Fires Burning."

For the many kind words of encouragement coming from our friends, we wish to express our thanks. One sister writing to send a gift, closes her letter with these words, "God bless every one who is working to give the children a chance." There are multitudes of children born under unfavorable circumstances who never get half a chance, yet we expect them to make good citizens. Many of them will if you and I do our part in giving them what is their birthright.

We hope our friends who have responded so generously in the past, will not forget how good the fresh eggs taste to the children when Easter rolls around.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
 Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Conditions are again normal in the orphanage, all the children having fully recovered. Not only did we lose no children because of influenza or scarlet fever, but no permanent disabilities resulted.

The canvass for funds to complete improvements met with encouraging success during the work of Brethren Hafer and Dunk and several hundreds of dollars have since been added by efforts of Superintendent Kelly. We fully expect to reach the \$10,000.00 limit by the time the canvass is completed.

Not money alone was the result of the canvass by Dr. Hafer. His personal interest in the plans and prospects of the orphanage became such that he became willing to become permanently connected with the institution. Accordingly, at a meeting of the directors, held in Centralia, March 19th, Dr. Hafer was unanimously elected superintendent of the institution, succeeding Mr. Kelly, whose resignation had been accepted a number of months earlier. Mrs. Hafer was also elected to the position of matron. Dr. Hafer is expected to enter upon his duties early in April and Mrs. Hafer as soon as the close of the school year renders it wise for them to move.

The retiring superintendent rejoices in being able to leave the interests of the orphanage in such efficient hands.

Mr. Olson is to remain as assistant superintendent and Mrs. Olson as assistant matron and teacher. Dr. Hafer's son will join his father in efforts to make the Hundelson Farm a large success.

Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work

Louis H. Koehler, 2006 E. Jackson St., Bloomington, Director

What are we aiming at? What is the job of our department? What is the task of every discouraged Sunday School teacher who is tempted to give up her class? What is the dimly lit purpose that keeps superintendents and B. Y. P. U. workers at their posts, though their rebellious human natures keep whispering, speaking, shouting, shouting, "QUIT!" And what is it that brings joy to their hearts and tears to their eyes? Our Lord answers:

"Likewise there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

We call it "Religious Education," but when we define this as (a) a presentation of the facts about Christ; (b) acceptance of these facts; (c) incorporation of these facts in the growth of character, we have been saying the thing in "Highbrow" style.

We call it "Evangelism"; this is a polite, ecclesiastical way of showing our methodology and our **orthodoxy**.

We call it "Soul-Saving", which is good, for it is plain and gives us the cheer of the scripture promise: "He that winneth souls is wise."

It's simply this: leading a little child or perhaps a sin-sick adult quietly, *patiently*, towards the light, till that soul shall publicly answer to the propounded interrogatory—"Do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as a savior?"—a quiet, "I do." A Sunday School teacher who does not thus conceive of his or her

great privilege should frankly resign, and a minister who does not work to that end had better go selling Life Insurance.

Now what is the *focal* point in this work? In most Sunday Schools it is Decision Day. To have an end in view, a definite goal, is a principle of unquestioned psychological soundness. Officers and teachers should direct their work to lead up to this day. They should meet together in a worker's conference, make a list of the "prospects," pray for them and perhaps plan for someone to talk with each one separately. Then at the appointed time the pastor or superintendent should give opportunity for a confession of Christ. Not to give this is a criminal neglect of our God-given duty. A Decision Day without preparation, plan or prayer will usually be futile. If the school is always focusing on this point it will keep the workers from undue discouragement and from describing aimless circles. If a school and its workers are discouraged, let them try this: meet together and plan for a Decision Sunday a few months ahead. Then pray and work. Of course if you do not have faith in your field and in the possibility of winning souls, you kick out the prop from the whole proposition.

The B. Y. P. U. plan for a week set apart for personal work under the caption, "Win-my-friend" Week, might well be made to dovetail into Decision Day plans by arranging to have it culminate with that Sunday.

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Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Miss Helen Hudson, Field Secretary for the W. A. B. F. M. S. has been speaking for several weeks in our state. Her charming personality and intense interest is arousing enthusiasm for missions wherever she goes.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Chrisman has thirty one members and twenty-six of them subscribe to Missions. This is an unusual proportion. This is partly because of the practical use made of them by adapting the "Question Box" to a contest exercise at each meeting which has aroused a good natured rivalry between the two sides.

The First Church, Springfield, has an arrangement for a Mission Study Class which is quite successful. It is called the 1919 Forum and is held in place of the evening service and is largely participated in by the young people who link it up with their B. Y. P. U. meeting. The book used is "The Call of a World Task" by Murry. The discussion, which is a live one, is led by Prof. W. E. Archibald. The book is one of the strongest arguments for the maintenance of missionary enterprise in both war and peace time.

The W. W. G. Chapter of the First Church, Decatur, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Kemper held their annual meeting in February. When their "Thank You" boxes were opened it was found that \$78.00 was received from fifteen boxes. The chapter had promised to

support for five days the four missionaries for whom the Illinois W. W. G. Chapters are responsible. It has "gone over the top" and three days more. Isn't that fine?

The W. W. G. Chapter of the Covenant Baptist Church, Chicago, has presented the church with a missionary service flag for Miss Emma L. Brodbeck, a member of that church, who has recently gone to China under the W. A. B. F. M. S. Is it not a good suggestion to give our Soldiers of the Cross as much recognition as our Soldiers of Democracy?

The Woman's Missionary Society of Taylorville has had a year of gradual constructive growth under the leadership of Miss Bird Chapman. Eleven new names have been added as active members.

One of the charter chapters of the W. W. Guild was organized in the Morgan Park Church with girls of high school age. It has been very successful and the girls are greatly interested under the leadership of Mrs. J. M. Smith. Last month another chapter was organized with a membership of twenty-two young women over high school age. They are very enthusiastic with Miss Margaret Edson as their leader and expect considerable increase in membership when the girls attending college return home.

The Princeton girls are also coming to the front as a new W. W. Guild was recently organized with Miss Heloise Hafer as president.

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THE FIRST BIG DRIVE

Before this number of *The Bulletin* reaches its readers, the first part of the Big Baptist Drive will be completed; but at this writing the offerings are still coming in, with another Sunday—the biggest Sunday of them all—to hear from. We can only express our hope, from the assurances given by many of the churches, that the big gap between receipts and the full apportionment which still existed up to March 1, will be closed when the books are closed.

It has been very unfortunate that the many war claims and the great epidemic which cut down collections and shut down churches all over the country, should have prevented the Laymen's Committee from pushing the campaign for the apportionment early in the year instead of near its close. The fatal habit of our churches of delaying offerings until near the end of the year instead of sending the full pro rata amount in apportionment each month, or at least each quarter, combined with the war and the "flu" to make the attempt to raise 25% more this year than last a desperate one. Then in the last few days of the year it was found that the half million needed to secure \$200,000 and complete the Morehouse Memorial Million also must be subscribed before March 31. And with all this there

is in prospect the raising of more than three millions by personal gifts during the succeeding month of April.

But we have the urge of a big and necessary task, and the wonderful experience of the war-time drives to encourage us. Perhaps the most hopeful thing, however, is the prospect of a new unified financial plan for the denomination whereby our big tasks will be attempted in a systematic way by a committee representative of the whole denomination, including state, city, and national organizations, which will begin its work immediately after the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention each year, pushing the work steadily throughout the whole year. This plan will be discussed at Denver.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: After May 1, all correspondence with the Board of Beneficence should be addressed to 417 *South Dearborn Street, Chicago*, where we shall remove and share a suite of offices with *The Standard*. Address us throughout April at 19 S. LaSalle St.; and if the new address should be mislaid, mail will of course be forwarded from the old address.

Augustine S. Carman,

Sec'y. Illinois Baptist Board of Beneficence.

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The associations, churches and individuals are united in a campaign for \$500,000.
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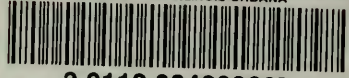
"We have won the war, we must now win the world. This is a time whose issues reach into eternity." Trained Christian men and women are needed for the new times. Shurtleff men and women have not failed in the past either at home or abroad. Shall the college go forward or shall it be handicapped and the Baptists of Illinois fail to do their share in the future?

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